



SITE VISIT SAVES FORMER SCHOOL

Report by David Callaghan

PLANS to demolish an historic former school to make way for more than 50 homes have been rejected.

The Claughton Centre in Blower's Green Road, Dudley, formerly the Sir Gilbert Claughton School, was set to be flattened to make a large area of land available for a new housing development.

Around 56 homes were proposed to be built on the site by PSP Dudley.

Councillors had been keen to see the disused site redeveloped for housing but after visiting the site council bosses were surprised by its good condition and described it as a 'landmark'.

The school closed in 1990 and was taken over by Dudley Council, which renamed it the Claughton Centre and used it as offices.



Committee chairman Councillor Qadar Zada said: "Seeing the site for myself has completely changed my view of it. It is a much more significant building than I first thought. I was very surprised in how much it still stands in."

"I believe if the applicant goes ahead and gives notice to demolish the building, it would be a great and significant injustice to Dudley and its people. It is an iconic building that has a lot of local value."

Impressive

He continued: "Our next stage would be hopefully to meet with the potential developers and discuss the next steps of the use of the building, whether that be to renovate or if the developers are still looking to give notice to demolish it."

Save Britain's Heritage also contacted Dudley Council. It's deputy director Mike Fox, said: "We are delighted to hear that demolition plans for the Claughton Centre have been rejected by Dudley Council. The building is clearly a handsome local landmark with impressive architectural flourishes, and we are pleased that members of the committee emphatically recognise this, noting the school's contribution to its surroundings and its potential for re-use."

"Historic buildings are a finite resource. There are many impressive examples across the country where school buildings have been imaginatively reused for new purposes."

The school was originally called the Dudley Upper Standards School when it opened in 1904, before becoming the Sir Gilbert Claughton School in 1957, the title honouring a 19th century mayor of Dudley.

SNUG FIT AS CAR ENDS UP WEDGED ON PATHWAY



The car wedged in the walkway at Cradley Heath, thankfully the driver was uninjured and was able to get out of the car despite the tight fit

TALK about a tight space... The driver of this car is believed to have lost control, with the Citroen C2 ending up wedged in a narrow walkway in Cradley Heath.

Fortunately the woman, aged in her 20s, was unhurt and managed to get out of the car in Forge Lane.

Paramedics alerted a crew from Haden Cross Fire Station at 4.30pm on Monday.

Crew commander Stuart Hawkins said: "It's obviously a very unusual incident to have taken place, but fortunately the female driver was uninjured and was out of the car by the time we arrived on the scene."

"We believe she lost control of the vehicle and veered off into the path of the narrow walkway space."

Haden Cross fire officers Tweeted a picture of the car's unusual position, saying: "We weren't sure if we should be impressed with the parking or not."

TRAGEDY

Legal action move over man's death

THE family of a vulnerable man who choked and died when his carers fed him chicken bites are considering legal action.

Barbara Arch, of Stourbridge, and Wendy Silvester, of Birmingham, who worked for Lifeways Community Care, were taking Andrew Strazdins on holiday when he died choking on food. They received six month jail terms, suspended for 12 months after admitting failure to discharge their duties.

Mr Strazdins's sister, Elaine Scott, of Halesowen, has asked medical negligence specialists Hudgell Solicitors to investigate.

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TRIBUTES

Teacher dies after collapsing at college

COLLEAGUES have paid tribute to a college teacher who died after collapsing at work.

Jane Reason, 57, subject leader for business studies at King Edward VI College Stourbridge, collapsed in a staff area on April 28. She was later pronounced dead at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Birmingham.

Principal Remley Mann said: "Jane was a popular, respected, and hard-working teacher. Our thoughts are with Jane's family and her friends."

HOUSING

Concern over scheme to create apartments

RESIDENTS in Kingswinford have hit out at plans to transform former Npower offices into homes.

Concerns over extra traffic and more demand on local facilities are among the problems raised by objectors.

The offices in High Street have been empty since the energy giant pulled out three years ago.

Now the site could be converted into 66 one and two-bedroom flats under proposals unveiled by Mandale Apartments.

Concerned resident Susan Keeling, who lives in High Street, said that local facilities were already at 'breaking point'.

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Honour for Sir Lenny at televised awards



Sir Lenny Henry - Bafta award

SIR Lenny Henry will be presented with a British Academy of Film and Television Arts (Bafta) special award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to television.

The Dudley-born comedian, actor and writer is best known for Comic Relief. He will be presented with the Alan Clarke award at the televised Bafta TV Awards at the Royal Festival Hall in London on Sunday.

Sir Lenny said: "This is fantastic. I am truly humbled and truly hopeful that this award is a pan-industry acknowledgement that diversity must be

at the heart of our industry if we are to reflect British society now and, most importantly, in the future."

Previous recipients of the Alan Clarke award, in honour of the late film director, include TV producer and writer Jeff Pope, TV executive Jane Tranter, documentary film-maker Paul Watson and screenwriter Paul Greengrass.

Krishnendu Majumdar, chair of Bafta's television committee, said: "There is no-one more deserving of the Special Award this year than Lenny Henry."

"He has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a performer and

writer, appearing in dozens of shows from Tiswas to the hugely popular Lenny Henry Show and most recently in the drama The Syndicate, proving his appeal spans all generations and genres.

"Lenny's recent groundbreaking Bafta lecture has helped to reframe and reignite the discussion about diversity in British television, with the conversations he has sparked already leading to positive changes."

The Black Country comic was knighted for services to drama and charity in a ceremony at Windsor Castle last December.

Teen hid loaded gun in mother's garage

A TEENAGER who hid a loaded gun in his mother's garage has been told he'll end up 'in hospital or a cemetery' if he continues his life of crime.

Shaun Scott, 19, was sent to prison for five years after a .155 revolver loaded with four rounds was found at the house in Westminster Close, Dudley. At Wolverhampton Crown Court Scott also pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis and to harassment.

Prosecutor Duncan Craig said: "Kieran Bishop was known to the defendant. He called the police on January 28 after threats were made by Scott."

"The defendant felt Mr Bishop owed him money for a small bag of cannabis. The defendant told him he wanted a 'straightener', which he took to believe as a three-round fight, to settle the debt. He says that he paid the defendant back at the start of December, but was told he had accrued interest, and the defendant again wanted a 'straightener'. A couple of days later, the defendant threatened him again. He reported that he said that he was 'looking for a poking', which Mr Bishop took as stabbing.

Bullets

"On January 27 he spoke to Bishop again and told him he wanted to '**** him up'. Mr Bishop phoned police because he also knew about the defendant's connection with firearms."

"Police went round to his mother's address that day, and in the garage they found some boxes. Within one of the boxes was a black plastic bag with a weapon. It was a revolver with a .155 barrel capable of holding six rounds. It was loaded with four bullets. Six small bags of cannabis were also found."

William Dudley, defending, said: "He is an immature man. He has a terrible record. I think macho bravado is a big part of these offences. I don't expect he would have used the gun but having it is equally as serious. If he carries on living life the way he is, he will end up in a hospital or a cemetery."

Judge John Wait said: "The minimum sentence for this kind of crime is five years. It is offered as a deterrent to other people to stop them trying to acquire these deadly weapons."

Young ballet boy is jumping for joy



Stepping out – Jack Fielding, aged 10, of Halesowen, has been awarded a place at The Royal Ballet School

A YOUNG dancer has landed a place at one of the UK's most prestigious ballet schools.

Halesowen's Jack Fielding, age 10, was one of only 12 boys across the globe to qualify for the Royal Ballet's White Lodge School in Richmond, London.

He will leave Hurst Green Primary School to enrol at the boarding school where he will have his talents honed by some of ballet's most highly regarded teachers.

Jack, of Beaumont Road, has

danced with the Birmingham Royal Ballet after first learning his fancy footwork at the Livingston Academy of Dance in Wednesbury.

The youngster only began dancing three years ago after trying his hand at gymnastics, martial arts and swimming. His mother Wendy said: "He came up to me and said 'mum, I want to dance' and we took it from there."

The youngster's talent had been a secret as Jack was apprehensive about how others would react.

"We'd kept it quiet for so long," said Wendy. "We spoke to the head teacher Mrs Bathurst and his class teacher Mr Ashton and they've been amazing."

Jack then told his classmates about his budding ballet career. "It's been so positive, it's been such a great experience," added Wendy.

His nine-year-old brother Billy's skilful footwork is being expressed in a different way, as he is already on the books at West Bromwich Albion FC.

Landlord is fined over failures in home safety

A LANDLORD has been ordered to pay costs and fines of more than £6,400 after a series of safety failures at his Dudley property.

Fire doors were not properly maintained at the home in High Street, and the doors would have been ineffective in the event of a fire.

The property, which was home to a total of five tenants, also had no hot water and the kitchen was not kept clean.

The safety concerns were brought to light following a fire at the property in May 2015 when fire crews reported the problems to Dudley Council.

Guilty

Property landlord Rakesh Sandhi, of Ednam Road, Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty to 11 offences of breaching the Housing Act at Dudley Magistrates Court on April 21.

He was ordered to pay £4,900 in fines and £1,396 costs plus a £120 victim surcharge.

Alan Lunt, a strategic director fat Dudley Council, said landlords who did not provide safe homes for their tenants would face 'serious consequences'.

He said: "We have a duty to help protect people in their homes, including privately rented accommodation."

"This case shows that there are serious consequences for landlords who do not provide safe homes for their tenants, and I hope it acts as a warning that we do take this very seriously."

Post office branch shuts for revamp

A BRANCH post office in Coseley is to close for two weeks this month for a major revamp which will see opening hours afterwards extended.

The service at Coseley Post Office at Castle Street, Coseley, will open for an extra five hours a week when it re-launches.

The branch will shut on Tuesday, May 10, for the redesign. The new-style service will be launched at 1pm on May 24.

During its closure, services can be accessed at Hurst Hill Post Office at 110 Hurst Hill, Bilston or Princes End Post Office, 155 High Street, Princes End, Tipton.

Area manager Caroline Pritchard said: "This modernisation is part of a major investment programme, and will secure services for the future."

Residents can raise issues at meeting

POLICE will host a community meeting in Sedgley on Thursday, May 12, where residents can raise issues.

Residents will be able to speak to police officers from 7pm until 8pm at the meeting at Dormston School in Mill Bank.

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Dealership's £17k bill for selling danger car

A MOTOR dealership in Stourbridge and two of its bosses have been ordered to pay a total of £17,000 by a court after selling a dangerous car.

The Vauxhall Vectra bought from Carwise Trade Centre had faults with the steering, suspension, brakes and wipers and was unroadworthy, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

A couple from Welshpool bought the car from the company in Birmingham Road in September last year for £1,159. But Dudley trading standards team found the car, which had been bought by the dealership from an auction, had serious faults.

Bosses Mehraj Islam and Asif Masud appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court on Thursday and admitted seven offences under the Road Traffic Act and other legislation.

Magistrates ordered the company, which had only been trading since March last year, pay costs and fines totalling £7,620.

They also ordered Islam, a director at the company, to pay £6,420 in costs and fines and Masud, a manager at the firm, to pay £3,420.

The company has put new systems in place to make sure there is no repeat of the incident.

Tony Oakman, a strategic director at Dudley Council, said: "This is part of our on-going trading standards work, helping to protect people and keep them safe. It sends out a clear warning that traders have a duty to ensure the goods they are selling are safe for people to use. If not, it could lead to a costly trip to court."

6ft flagpole will go next to anchor

A SIX-FOOT flagpole will be built in central Netherton after council bosses approved plans.

The pole, put forward by Netherton Regeneration Group, will be located at the junction of Northfield Road and Halesowen Road, near the replica Titanic anchor. It will be dedicated to the memory of community stalwart Ivor Lucas.

Mr Lucas, who was a member of Friends of Netherton Park and the Netherton Regeneration Group, died in 2014.

The Union and the Black Country flag will be flown from the pole. At the meeting last week, Councillor Qadar Zada said: "I welcome this proposal as the flag will go hand in hand with the Titanic anchor."

More musicians and stalls needed

A LIVE music event will return to Hagley this summer with bands, stallholders and sponsors needed. Hagfest will be held on the village playing fields on July 2. For more information call Fran Evans on 07811 178576.

Town centre car park gets green light



The Mahoe will now be demolished

A FORMER banqueting suite in Dudley will be demolished for a car park, after plans were approved.

The derelict Mahoe building in Tower Street has been labelled an eyesore and council bosses hope that it will make way for a long-awaited town centre car park.

At a planning meeting, councillors said they hoped the demolition work could start this summer.

They said extra car parking was badly needed in the town.

Now given the green light, the scheme brings to an end nearly five

years of wrangling over the project, which saw previous plans shelved in September.

The car park will feature around 90 spaces and is a scaled-back version of the council's original scheme.

They wanted to create a multi-storey car park but were blocked by Historic England, which raised fears about the impact a large building would have on the town.

Historic England has now stated the new car park and removal of the Mahoe building will be of 'benefit and improvement to the area.'

The council has decided to go-ahead with a ground-level car park after deciding an underground car park was too costly.

Councillor Andrea Goddard said: "A car park is a sensible and a much better option and will prove very efficient for Dudley town."

Councillor Kieran Casey said: "It's important that we get more car parking in the town centre, so people have more option and opportunity to come into Dudley and see what it has to offer."

Carers sentenced after man choked to death

TWO carers have been given suspended jail sentences after their negligence led to the death of a vulnerable patient who choked on chicken bites.

Barbara Arch and Wendy Silvester were taking cerebral palsy patient Andrew Strazdins on a seaside break when he died after choking on food in the back seat of the car.

Mr Strazdins, aged 53, who received 24-hour care at his bungalow in Stourbridge, suffered from a condition called dysphagia which made it hard for him to swallow and his learning disability meant he tended to cram food into his mouth.

His care plan stated he should only be fed while sat in a chair at a table and that he should be given only mashed food and be supervised as he ate.

He died after the carers gave him a bowl of roughly chopped chicken bites as he sat on his own in the back of the car as it passed through North Devon on the way to Cornwall.

Mr Strazdins was cared for by an Oldbury company called Lifeways, paid by the local authority.

Exeter Crown Court heard how he was on his way to a specially adapted caravan in Bude in May 2014 when he died at Broadwoodwidge on the A30.

Strict

The carers both knew of the strict rules about how he should be fed but Arch leaned back from the passenger seat while Silvester carried on driving, the court was told. They stopped when they saw him choking. Paramedics found the two women distraught by the side of the road after they failed to revive Mr Strazdins.

Arch, aged 58, of Smallshire Way, Stourbridge, and Silvester, 50, of Newland Court, Birmingham, admitted failing to discharge their duties as carers and were given six-month prison sentences, suspended for two years, by Judge Erik Salomonsen.

The charge was reduced from manslaughter to a breach of the Health and Safety at Work Act at an earlier hearing.

The judge told the pair: "The risk assessment underlined the possibility Mr Strazdins could choke and die. As his carers you willingly took responsibility for him and were trusted to take him away on holiday for his benefit.

"It is clear the chicken bites which he was fed were not mashed but were hard food. They were cut up but not mashed and he was left to feed himself. He choked and, despite your best efforts, he died. You were both distraught and I accept that the impact remains with you both."

Neither have worked since the tragedy and both will lose their careers as carers.



Andrew Strazdins died after choking on roughly chopped up chicken bites while being taken on holiday



Carer Barbara Arch, aged 58, of Stourbridge



Carer Wendy Silvester, aged 50, of Birmingham

NEWS IN BRIEF

Road shut due to unsafe building

A ROAD was closed in Sedgley after a Victorian brick shed became unstable.

Car collisions are believed to have made the building on Hall Street hazardous and it is looking likely that it will have to be demolished.

Bollards have been placed around the building as a safety precaution.

Sedgley Councillor Michael Evans said he understood that the building was owned by a gentleman from Devon.

He added: "I think there is a possibility it could be demolished by Dudley Council."

Red Cone '20s day for royal birthday

A SPECIAL event to mark The Queen's recent 90th birthday is being held at the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley later this month.

A 1920s-themed crafts and glass making day is being held at the High Street attraction on Saturday, May 14, from 11am to 4pm. The Queen was born in 1926.

There will also be guided tours of the 90ft-tall landmark, which was part of the famous Stuart Crystal business until the 1930s.

The cone is staging an exhibition by the Easel Club from May 7 to June 19.

'Intoxicated' man fell off scaffold

AN 'intoxicated' man who fell six metres off scaffolding in Stourbridge was taken to hospital with 'traumatic injuries'.

The 48-year-old was taken to Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley at around 9.30pm on Friday.

Stourbridge community paramedic Ste Hill, who was on shift at the time of the fall, tweeted: "Male fallen six metres from scaffolding intoxicated in Stourbridge town centre. He was treated for traumatic injuries."

Talk about the rise and fall of a 'palace'

A RUINED mansion in Worcestershire which belonged to the Earl of Dudley will be in the spotlight at the next meeting of Stourbridge Historical Society.

Ray Sturdy will be giving a talk about Witley Court, near Stourport, on May 19.

Witley Court: Rise and Fall of a Victorian Palace is at 7.30pm in the Wollaston Room at Stourbridge Town Hall. The partially restored property is now owned by English Heritage.

Meeting on rail future

TRAIN passengers will get the chance to quiz rail bosses over the future of the rail service when the Stourbridge Line User Group hosts a meeting on Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Severn Valley Railway station in Kidderminster. Chairman Rob Hebron said it would include senior rail representatives.

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A VICAR in Leamington Spa has outraged some folk by planning to screen the “blasphemous” 1979 film Monty Python’s Life of Brian in his church and charge £10 a head. And who wouldn’t be outraged? As fans will recall from the film’s encounter between Brian and the leper, the going rate for a life story is only half a denarius.

LATEST go-faster accessory for the jogger who has everything, according to the documentary Inside a Billionaire’s Wardrobe (BBC2), is a pair of customised Nike trainers made of python skin at a cool £20,000. You may find them a little constricting.

SO far, the EU debate has invited us to consider how Churchill, Shakespeare and Jesus might have voted. A reader writes: “How about Father Christmas? Is he for Brexit?” Maybe we should all write him a letter.

“NO taxation without representation” was the slogan of the American Revolution 250 years ago. It was coined by colonists who were furious at paying taxes to Britain when they had no representatives in Parliament. This week the Institute for Fiscal Studies revealed that, thanks to the UK tax threshold steadily rising from £6,475 to £10,600, almost half of all Britons now pay no income tax. So how long will it be before a majority of the electorate will be able to vote for the most extravagant programmes, knowing that it won’t cost them a penny in income tax? Taxation without representation is bad but is representation without taxation any better?



MIND you, it has to be admitted there’s precious little evidence that we, the tax-paying public, can keep our politicians in check. Their latest wheeze, to spend £29 million of our money restoring the mechanism of Big Ben, is both wicked and stupid. Wicked because it consumes a vast amount of public money that could be far better used. Stupid because, in an age of atomic clocks and digital sound systems, who in his right mind would rebuild a Victorian clock mechanism? It is as daft as replacing the House of Commons central heating with a Roman hypocaust. An intelligent Parliament would have updated Big Ben with a modern digital system for a fraction of the price. But we don’t have an intelligent Parliament. We have a collection of financial incontinents obsessed with flashing other people’s cash around.

MY eye was caught this week by the photo of a 15-year-old Girl Guide confessing her sins to the Pope in an open-air ceremony in Rome. I cannot imagine what a 15-year-old Girl Guide has to confess (“Forgive me, Holy Father, for I have failed to polish my woggle”).

Don’t miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Tributes to former councillor

A FORMER Dudley councillor has died a few weeks after suffering a stroke. Tributes have flooded in for Colin Wilson, who stood down in 2014 after ten years as a councillor for Pedmore and Stourbridge East. Mr Wilson died in the early hours on April 26, aged 74. He was a retired civil engineer. The Conservative councillor played a key role in Stourbridge MP Margot James’s election campaign in 2010.

He served Dudley Council as chairman of the development control committee and vice chair of the Stourbridge Area Committee. He is survived by wife of 45 years, Helen, son Andrew and grandsons Thomas and James. Dudley South MP Tory Mike Wood, who until recently held the Pedmore ward seat vacated by Mr Wilson, said: “As well as being an outstanding councillor and colleague, Colin was a good

friend. I’ve known him for more than 30 years, since I was at primary school with his son, and it is hard to believe that he will no longer be around for advice, guidance or just a good chat.” Mr Wilson lived in Pedmore and was involved with the Sebright’s Educational Foundation, St Thomas’s Community Network and Mary Stevens Hospice, as well as a feeoffee and governor of Old Swinford Hospital school.



Former councillor Colin Wilson

Carer stole £7.5k to fund ‘search for love’

By John Scott

A CARE co-ordinator in Dudley fleeced a vulnerable client out of almost £7,500 to fund her ill-fated ‘search for love,’ a judge heard.

Sarah Grey, of Kipwood Avenue, Kingswinford, targeted Paul Chapman, a 50-year-old with learning difficulties, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. The scheming 44-year-old assistant care co-ordinator with Dudley Adult Social Care department had responsibility for looking after him for more than two years, before closing his case and starting to exploit him. Grey used details of Mr Chapman’s accounts to take out a £5,000 loan in his name from the Nationwide and had the money paid into his Halifax current account, revealed Mr David Bennett, prosecuting. She then made six withdrawals in as many days totalling £3,800 and tried to cover up by pretending the cash was going to the Department of Work and Pensions. A year later she had taken the entire £5,000 and a further £2,418 from his current account using a bank card in his name.

Alerted

Authorities were alerted when a member of staff at Nationwide contacted Dudley Council to express concern over his bank accounts. Mr Chapman later revealed he had been refused permission to withdraw money on ‘two or three’ occasions because there were insufficient funds. Grey used money fleeced from Mr Chapman to pay for a trip to meet a man she had fallen for on the internet. Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said: “She was trying to fulfil that relationship but, like so many others she has tried to fulfil, it failed. This was a desperate search for love.” Grey, of previous good character, pleaded guilty to two charges of fraud and one of theft. She was jailed for 14 months by Judge John Wait, who told her: “The man was vulnerable and still required care when you closed down his case. He was found in a desperate state.”

Porter pedal power for charity ride



Four times World Pursuit Champion Hugh Porter supports the Round the Wrekin Sportive at the Ironbridge landmark

HE has won the World Championship four times and took a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games – now Black Country cycling hero Hugh Porter is to lead cyclists on the mass participation ride into Staffordshire and Shropshire. The Round The Wrekin Sportive takes place on May 22, and hundreds will take part, choosing one of three routes. All head out from Kingswinford Rugby Club, the cyclists will either cycle 100 miles, 60 miles or 23 miles, finishing back at the club. The event is to raise money for Compton Hospice, and could be the first for many, according to Mr Porter. He said: “The cycle is a great idea and hopefully the

first of many. The sport is growing with thousands of riders out and about every weekend. It is good for your fitness and this event provides people the chance to raise money for charity at the same time.” Organised by Rideventures and Fishface Cycles, in partnership with Wolverhampton-based Compton Hospice, the sportive is a major fundraiser for the hospice. Veteran Mr Porter will take part in the 23 mile route, through Wall Heath, Bobbington, Claverley and Pattingham. The longer distance routes take in Ironbridge Gorge (including the famous Iron Bridge), The Wrekin and The Long Mynd in the Shropshire Hills. See website www.roundthewrekin.co.uk for more information.

Mayor runs up funds in the London Marathon

THE Mayor of Dudley has raised more than £7,000 for charities after running the London Marathon. Sixty-year-old councillor Steve Waltho completed his 14th run around the capital in just over six hours. Councillor Waltho ran alongside his son Joe and volunteer fundraiser Charlotte Randle. He said: “After running the marathon many times before, I didn’t intend to take part again this year. “Being given the chance to raise a substantial amount for my charities, I just could not turn down the opportunity as they do so much to help others in need. “People and businesses have been so generous and kind in contributing a staggering £7,000 to my marathon run.” The money will go to the his five major charities The Hope Centre, The What? Centre, Mers Mascots Please, the Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund at Russells Hall and the West Midlands Lupus Group based in Coseley. Of the money raised, £5,000 came from five local businesses with the other £2,000 from individual donations. The businesses supporting the mayor were Bathams, Intu, Cousins Furniture Store, Black Country Training Group and Solvay. People can still donate to the Mayor’s charities online at www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/mayorstevewaltho

Car demolishes pub wall in crash

A CAR smashed into a pub and partially destroyed a wall in Brierley Hill. A wall of the Birch Tree pub in Vicarage Road was damaged after a car was involved in a collision with a van, left the road before veering into the pub building. Two crews from Brierley Hill fire station, an ambulance and police attended the scene around 7.15pm last Wednesday, with the pub being forced to shut for several hours. Manager Akal Ahmed said the crash came as a shock “It was a big smash and collapsed most of the side wall,” he said. “It’s very fortunate no one was injured. “We did have to close for the evening, but now plan to open as normal whilst reconstructing the wall.”

Vinyl and craft stalls at glass centre fair

A VINTAGE vinyl records and craft fair is being held at a Stourbridge visitor attraction. The event takes place in the Ruskin Glass Centre in Wollaston Road, Amblecote, on Sunday, from 11am to 4pm.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mayor planning night of delight

THE Mayor of Dudley will be joined big names in Black Country entertainment at a fundraising evening in aid of his five chosen charities.

Councillor Steve Waltho is hosting a grand finale to his civic year at The Venue on Saturday which will include laughs from the Fizzogs and music from The Empty Can. Mayoress Jayne Waltho has organised a 'Mayor Does Strictly' dance contest.

Tickets cost £25, including buffet, from www.ticketsource.co.uk/mayorofdudleyscharities or call 0333 666 3366.

Expert school visit helps in Gambia

EIGHTY-EIGHT school pupils from Stourbridge helped support teacher training in West Africa.

Children from Ridgewood High were joined by teachers from primary schools and volunteers during the school's 10th trip to Gambia. Ex-students also travelled on the trip with 11 teachers from primary schools and a special school to work alongside Gambian teachers providing training.

Ridgewood has been designated a Global Learning Expert Centre and uses Project Gambia to lead and develop learning across Dudley borough.

Talk on history of the silver screen

HISTORIAN Ned Williams will be delving into the history of British cinemas tonight (Thursday) in a talk at the Archives and Local History Centre in Dudley.

Friends of Dudley Archives secretary Janet Lea said: "This talk isn't about the films but about the buildings and examines cinemas from the earliest picture houses and theatre conversions." The Archaeology of the Cinema is at 7 for 7.30pm. Free to Friends and £2 for visitors.

Friends get support for Beacon work bid

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has given his backing to a campaign to restore a landmark on Sedgley Beacon.

A bid to the Heritage Lottery is being made by the Friends of Sedgley Beacon to allow the tower on the Beacon to be refurbished. Around £150,000 is believed to be needed. The Friends have already secured some funding from the Wildlife Trust.

Mr Austin said: "The Beacon is a local landmark and should be a place for local people to enjoy."

Stairway to Zep heaven

FANS of Led Zeppelin can enjoy a gig by the long-running tribute band Fred Zeppelin in Stourbridge next month. Fred Zep will take to the stage to perform at The River Rooms in Stourbridge on June 17. The group has been together since 1993. For tickets call (01384) 397177.

Hillsborough families to sue West Mids force

RELATIVES of the victims of the Hillsborough disaster are launching a class action lawsuit against the West Midlands and South Yorkshire police forces that could result in millions of pounds in compensation being paid out.

Lawyers say 'several hundred' family members are represented in the claims, which were lodged at the High Court last year but could not be reported until after this week's inquest verdicts.

They are seeking damages from police for 'misfeasance in public office' over conduct on the day of the disaster and an alleged conspiracy attempting to blame Liverpool fans.

West Midlands Police conducted an inquiry into South Yorkshire Police's role in the disaster.

Last week the long-running inquest found that 96 people were unlawfully killed at the FA Cup semi-final on April 15, 1989. They included Sarah and Victoria Hicks, the daughters of Kingswinford businessman Trevor Hicks.

A spokesperson for Saunders Law, representing the families, said the claims concern 'the cover-up and actions intended to wrongly blame the deceased and Liverpool Football Club supporters for the tragedy'.

Deputy Chief Constable Louisa Rolfe, of West Midlands Police, said the force had been informed of the case. "Our thoughts remain with the family and friends of loved ones who died and were injured in the Hillsborough tragedy," she said.

1921 cup ticket sells for £1,300

A MATCH ticket from Wolves' FA Cup final appearance in 1921 has sold at auction for £1,300.

When first bought nearly a century ago the ticket cost five shillings, a mere 25p in today's money.

It was expected the rare item would be snapped up for between £700 and £1,000 but the estimate was far exceeded in London last week.

The 1921 FA Cup final was one of three held at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge when the competition had resumed following the First World War, and ahead of the move to Wembley.

It was Wolves' fifth appearance in a final and their third defeat, with Tottenham lifting the coveted trophy after Jimmy Dimmock scored the only goal of the game in the 53rd minute.

Show celebrating works of the Bard

THE 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death will be belatedly marked in Dudley tomorrow (Friday). The Night Watch present William Shakespeare: From Bard to Verse at Netherton Arts Centre at 7.30pm, £9.

MPs have got no beef with burger chain



The two MPs eating in McDonald's

MP Tom Watson has risked the ire of Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn after he was spotted tucking into a burger in a McDonalds in Dudley.

Labour's deputy leader popped into the Upper Gornal branch of the fast food giant to grab a bite with Dudley North MP Ian Austin. It came a week after it emerged McDonald's had been banned from the Labour party conference over its record on zero-hour contracts and workers' rights.

Mr Austin had described the ban as 'a juvenile piece of gesture politics'. Mr Watson scoffed a 'Big Mac', while Mr Austin went for a Quarter Pounder as they took a break after door knocking around the area.

West Bromwich East MP Mr Watson said: "It will come as no surprise to any of my constituents that this was not the first time I have had a Big Mac."

Steps

"I recently got a Fitbit and I'm trying to walk 10,000 steps a day. I was pushing it a bit on Saturday so felt the need for a quick Big Mac."

Mr Austin worked at the old Mc-

Bouncer jailed for killing guest at a charity dinner

A BOUNCER who killed a guest at a charity dinner dance with a 'massive' punch has been jailed for six years and eight months.

The blow delivered by trained boxer Nicolas Salhan struck father-of-three Inderjit Singh Dhariwal in the neck, fracturing his larynx. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that it floored the 49-year-old grandfather, banging his head on the ground and fracturing his skull.

Salhan, aged 37, then raised his fist in the air in a sign of victory, said Miss Riel Karmy-Jones QC. She added: "Such was the injury to the brain of Mr Dhariwal that he died the following day."

Salhan from Haybridge Avenue, Stourbridge, admitted manslaughter while fellow doorman Jonathan Davies, of Old Bridge Walk, Rowley Regis, pleaded guilty to affray.

Jailing Salhan, Judge James Burbidge QC told him: "Your boxing expertise meant that your fists are as significant as many a weapon could have been." Davies was locked up for 28 months. The judge told him: "Your anger was the spark for this trouble."

Eating

Violence flared when frustrated doormen lost patience with guests who were still eating and drinking an hour after the supposed end of the fundraising event at Samsons Banqueting Suite in Road End Road, Oldbury, on November 22.

Davies began to push and shout at guests and lost his temper when Mr Dhariwal intervened in an effort to calm the situation, it was said. The bouncer had attended an outpatient appointment with a psychologist for help with anger management just days earlier, the court was told.

Mr Dhariwal, from Langley, was pushed into a stack of chairs by Davies, 43, who then punched the victim four times. Salhan grabbed Mr Dhariwal around the neck from behind as Davies continued to punch him. By this stage Davies had 'lost all control'. Several people were kicked and punched in the fracas which resulted, during which Salhan delivered the fatal blow.

Neither Salhan or Davies offered any assistance to the dying man and left the premises as police and paramedics arrived.

Mr Adrian Keeling QC, defending Davies, who was also a trained boxer, said: "He probably should not have ended up as a doorman and when things became heated he was ill-equipped in every way to deal with it." Mr Tahir Khan QC, representing Salhan, said: "The punch was an isolated lapse - a moment of misplaced judgement."



Killed by a single punch - victim 49-year-old grandfather Inderjit Singh Dhariwal, of Langley



Killer Nicolas Salhan - jailed for six years eight months



Jonathan Davies, of Rowley Regis, 28 months prison

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IN MY VIEW

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Wrong that graduate gets Pound of flesh

FOLLOWING a long, drawn-out legal battle, supported by The Guardian, the European Court of Human Rights has ruled that Cait Reilly, a geology graduate from Birmingham, will be entitled to compensation from the British Government after she was asked to do a fortnight's work experience at Poundland.

Yippee! Work experience at Poundland? How could they?

Miss Reilly, you see, wanted to work in a museum. Very nice, I'm sure. Except that where museums are still being kept open, they are increasingly staffed by unpaid volunteers. The chances of getting paid employment in that line of work are roughly the same as mine are of being picked for the Euros.

Now maybe if Miss Reilly spent a lifetime paying into the social security system, it might be different. But she hadn't. She had not long left university, and clearly taken much more out than she had paid in. And if she does receive compensation, it will be people like you, me, and the Poundland workforce who will be picking up the tab.

Poundland was founded by Steve Smith, a working-class lad from Bilston who once said it was drummed into him as a child "if you don't work, you don't eat".

I bet he wouldn't have sued the Government.

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READER David Edwards takes me to task over my misgivings about plans to introduce a London-style ban on pavement parking across England to 'decluster' our streets.

He says I am "selfish and arrogant", and give no thought to the blind and partially sighted who struggle to navigate the pavements. Now he might be right about the former points, but not about the visually impaired.

Under existing laws, anybody blocking a pavement or making life difficult for the disabled is guilty of causing an obstruction and liable to be fined. Quite right too.

However, there are many places where it is perfectly safe, legal and perfectly reasonable to park partially on the footpath. For example, where the pavement is abnormally wide, and there is plenty of space to get by. Or at the end of a cul-de-sac, or a narrow road where it is necessary to allow emergency access. The proposed new law would allow no such discretion, simply because somebody has deemed that cars parked on the pavement represent "clutter".

Mr Edwards suggests drivers should try walking, which is fine for those who are fit and healthy. But he might also spare a thought for the elderly, or those in poor health for whom the car is a lifeline. Motorists are not some subversive, niche group which needs to be regulated. They are the vast majority of the population and should be treated as such.



Volunteer Avtar Singh Bansal at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley



Volunteer Joan Kendray with eye clinic officer Sue Thomas



Mike Leadbeater prepares an accident and emergency bay

Hospital volunteers provide vital service

Volunteers give up their free time to help hospital patients, **HEATHER LARGE** meets them and hears more are needed

FROM being a friendly face providing directions to comforting a patient or relative who has received some bad news – hospital volunteers help in many ways.

At Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, this small army of helping hands can easily be identified by their red shirts and are found throughout the hospital supporting staff, patients and visitors every day of the week.

They carry out a variety of tasks including providing welcoming hot drinks, ferrying patient files around departments, keeping medical supplies well-stocked and ensuring people can find their way to appointments.

But most importantly they offer a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on when people need it the most.

Entertaining

"It's all about helping people, whether it's entertaining a small child while their sibling has their arm plastered or sitting with a relative or patient as they try to come to terms with some bad news," said Mike Leadbeater, aged 70, who has been volunteering in the busy A&E department for 18 months.

Three days a week, Mr Leadbeater, who lives in Kingswinford, can be found supporting staff to ensure the department is working as smoothly as possible.

His jobs can include giving patients their breakfast, cleaning cubicles and re-stocking shelves.

He can also be called upon to sit with patients or take them to other departments in wheelchairs.

"I like to have a laugh and joke with them if I can to help them feel more relaxed and take their mind off what is happening even if it's just for a few minutes," he said.



Trolley refreshments – volunteers Samantha Paskin and Aqsa Khanum at Russells Hall Hospital

His time at the hospital also sees him helping medical students by being a 'live dummy' for test ECG examinations.

"I also came in one day and was told I was having my leg plastered. Sometimes I don't know what I'm coming into but that makes it better in a way," he added.

Retired secretary Joan Kendray, who has been volunteering for two and a half years, spends one day a week working alongside eye clinic liaison officer Sue Thomas, who is registered blind.

Her tasks can include reading medical infor-

mation aloud to enable Mrs Thomas to type it up and also photocopying documents.

Mrs Kendray, aged 66, from Sedgley, said: "After I finished work, I wanted to do some volunteering and the hospital seemed the best way to help the community."

She continued: "Sue and I get on very well and I enjoy being able to help her with her work."

Mrs Thomas said: "Joan is as good as gold and a delight to work with. She's my eyes and a huge help. We make a very good team."

Grandfather Avtar Singh Bansal, who lives

in Dudley, has been volunteering with his wife Mohinder for the past four years.

He can usually be found in the outpatients department helping people find their way and supporting staff.

"I enjoy it very much," he said. "All of the staff are fantastic."

"It's a great place to work and it feels good to be giving something back," he said.

Fifty-five per cent of the hospital's 400-plus volunteers are retired people while 40 per cent are under the age of 20.

Student Samantha Paskin, aged 27, from Stourbridge, is studying human biology at the University of Worcester. Her jobs include making hot drinks for patients and staff.

"I decided to volunteer to get some work experience at a hospital," she said.

"I really enjoy being able to help and talking to patients is my favourite part of the job."

Aqsa Khanum, aged 19, from Brierley Hill, is another medical student who has been helping out for about a month to gain some valuable hospital experience.

Difference

"I'm really enjoying it," she said. "I think it's a good way to learn about the different departments and different roles, while hopefully making a difference."

Volunteers' coordinator Jane Fleetwood, who set up the volunteer programme 12 years ago, said: "I always say it's not about the job they're doing but the person they are doing it for."

"I am very proud of all of our volunteers for the work they do and they difference they make and we are always on the lookout for more volunteers."

An open day will be taking place on June 6 from 10am until noon as part of Volunteers Week.

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Mr President, Britain will not be shoved around

WHY does President Obama want Britain to stay in the EU?

I've never been a fan of Obama. He looks like a president, struts like a president and can work an audience. However, at times, I feel that as he is the leader of the free world and that leadership involves effective actions, he has failed miserably.

I would remind Obama that though Britain no longer rules the world, she punches in the heavyweight division and will not be shoved around.

Might I ask the President whether

his great country would accept being part of a North-South American super-state where, for example, Peru has as much power in decision making as the USA? I think the answer might be No! Why, therefore, are we to accept the insulting suggestion that Britain might want to give up its sovereignty?

In the 1970s Henry Kissinger is reported to have said: "When I want to speak to Europe, whom should I call?" The story may be apocryphal but it highlights the fact that US foreign policy wants to deal with one central authority in Europe, rather than the

inconvenience of dealing with individual, independent nation states.

America is primarily concerned with its own perceived national interests, not Britain's.

President Obama has called for Turkey to become a member of the EU, which would invite another 77 million potential migrants to come to Britain. I never will be party to Yank bashing. If I wished to be part of a super-state (I never will) it would be a land with our values is the USA.

A M ETHERIDGE
Dudley

Concerns over our lost trees

DUDLEY and now Sandwell council have aroused the concerns of residents by chopping down roadside trees.

This happened a few years ago in my locality when a row of mature trees was felled on the Earl Street side of Cot Lane playing field, Kingswinford.

The reason for this was that a complaint had been made about a falling branch and this justified the felling of the trees.

No-one wants the danger of diseased trees but too often healthy trees are included because it is cheaper for a contractor to do the job in one go.

Then, the lost trees are replaced with saplings which in turn are quickly falling victims to the local destructive squad.

It all adds up to an ever diminishing stock of old trees that enhance and benefit our streets and open spaces.

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Our cash is given away on foreign aid

IN the week that worried parents found out if their child had a place at the local primary school, official Treasury figures showed that in 2016-17 spending by the Department for International Development will rise to £11.9bn whilst the budget for local councils will fall to £9.6bn.

So, in other words, our Government is giving more of our money away than it is allowing councils to receive to maintain our essential services.

I suspect one of the reasons for all this generosity is so that our political leaders and Royal Family can attend meetings abroad and seem to be superior to other country's representatives.

Many of us must feel anger that our children and old people are not getting the priority they deserve and we can do nothing about it as even if this Government was not in power things would be no different under Labour.

Please someone tell me why we have to be in this position?

As members of the EU surely any foreign aid deemed necessary could be controlled centrally.

R WILLIAMS
Brierley Hill

Don't trust views of 'experts'

BACK in the 1960s when taking business studies, I asked the course tutor why computers were not part of the curriculum.

He replied with supreme confidence that computers would not play a major role in any office during my working lifetime. That's an expert for you!

So when the Treasury declare that leaving the EU will shrink the UK economy by six per cent by 2030 it sounds ridiculous - because no one knows how the world economy will perform one year hence let alone 14.

More experts spouting precise figures in a bid to convince us all they possess the magical formula for predicting the future with amazing accuracy.

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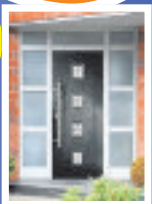
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High hops for new touring exhibition



Janine Fletcher from Tipton looks at The Hop Project exhibition, which will be touring the Black Country and Birmingham

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Artists

The project is conceived and produced by artists Elizabeth Rowe and Chris Poolman. It will be touring over the next 18 months.

The exhibition is being displayed at Oldbury Library from May 5 to May 28 and Haden Hill House Museum, from August 4 to 25, before touring the hop growing counties and next year going to Gdansk in Poland.

For more information visit www.thehopproject.co.uk

Labourer is jailed for breaking jaw of ex

A THUG who punched his former girlfriend in the face three times, fracturing her jaw, has been locked up for 18 months.

Farm labourer Shane Lewis attacked Rachel Pearson when she visited his family home after their break-up, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 24-year-old tried to stop her leaving the house when she decided to go and a row erupted between the pair that culminated in him punching her.

The blows were so fierce that they caused a double fracture of the jaw that still causes her discomfort six months after the September 27 incident. She had to have an operation inserting a metal plate.

Miss Pearson explained in a victim statement read to the court: "I am still in constant pain and am unable to open my mouth fully. I even have to carefully select the food I eat because it is painful to chew."

Lewis, of Clarence Street, Dudley, was convicted of wounding by a jury after denying the offence.

He had been remanded in custody pending pre-sentence reports.

Judge Kristina Mont-

By Simon Stone

gomery QC told him: "Your relationship with Rachel Pearson was over. She called to visit you and your family and spent some time in the family home. Maybe her attachment to you and your family was not entirely over."

"You had been drinking that evening and when she decided to leave you decided to stop her. There was an argument and your attempts to stop her escalated into violent punches with you hitting her hard in the face three times. She was dazed and bleeding."

The judge told Lewis, who had previous convictions for robbery and possession of a knife: "You used significant force and were in drink. It had been a volatile relationship. You can be impulsive and dangerous."

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Bowled over by evening of skittles

Wollaston E TWG

THE April meeting, at which 48 members were in attendance, was competently chaired by Julie Willetts.

After formal matters had been completed, the meeting moved on to discuss forthcoming events.

A request was made for volunteers to enter the Guild quiz. The Open Evening is also imminent and both the tea and talents and art groups are busy creating items to display.

A very enjoyable lunch was taken by approximately 18 members at the College of Food, Birmingham, and this is now set to become an annual outing.

A few members will wend their way to Wolverhampton on May 18. Lunch will be taken, followed by a visit to the Grand Theatre for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

The annual skittles evening, organised by Jill Dunn, was a great success.

A visit to Hagley Hall on June 7 has been arranged, to include a tour of the gardens followed by cream tea.

The federation lunch is booked for Monday, July 25 at Vesuvio restaurant, Stourbridge. The guild's own annual dinner will be at Hagley Golf and Country Club on May 31.

Speaker was Dean Harris, of UK International Search and Rescue, gave an excellent talk, with the aid of slides, about the wonderful work they do in countries which suffer natural disasters or acts of terrorism.

The raffle was won by June Lees and Madeline Dunn and the competition by Elizabeth Grove.

Long-serving Jill is sworn in as president



Outgoing Sedgley guild president Edna Chapple, left, and new president Jill Yorke

AT the April meeting, Edna Chapple, outgoing president, handed the badge of office to Jill Yorke, the new president for the coming year.

Both ladies are long-serving members of Sedgley Townswomen's Guild. More than 40 members then enjoyed a highly entertaining evening of poetry and banter with David Bartley, 'The Tipton Poet'.

The guild meets on the third Monday of

each month, 7.15pm, at Sedgley Community Centre, Ladies Walk. At the May 16 meeting, the guest speaker will be an expert in the crafts of knitting and weaving.

The guild also runs a walking group and arts and crafts sessions.

Keith's window of opportunity

CHAIRMAN Hazel Smith was absent through illness for the monthly meeting at Grange Court, Stourbridge on April 5, so committee member Chris Holton took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed and secretary Jean Williams reminded members about the afternoon tea being at Wollaston Village Hall on May 19 to celebrate

Grange E Guild

the Queen's 90th birthday. Treasurer Jill Attwood gave an up to date financial report. Marlene O'Hanlon reported that items for the food bank were still being collected.

Marlene also reported she will be collecting items for the shoe boxes and informed members that she had a full

diary of speakers for 2017. With the formalities completed Chris introduced the speaker for the evening Keith Cattell, a retired architect, who gave an excellent talk about the history of stained glass windows complete with slide show.

A vote of thanks was given for a very informative talk. Refreshments were served and the raffle was drawn with three lucky winners.

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End is in view for road saga

A ROUGH road saga spanning several years has moved a step closer to being resolved, says an MP

Stourbridge MP Margot James wrote to the organisations and businesses involved in a dispute over the maintenance of Clockfields Drive, Brierley Hill.

Due to a complex legal dispute, the roads on the estate have not been maintained by Dudley Council for several years.

The Conservative MP wrote to each party involved in the dispute urging them to find a long-term resolution.

She now says she received positive responses from Persimmon Homes, who own sewers adjoining the estate, Severn Trent Water and the current landowner.

She added: "I was informed that the current landowner has agreed to fund outstanding items that had prevented Severn Trent from completing their part of the road adoption process. I am pleased of the progress made so far."

TV star Paul added to comedy line-up



Paul Tonkinson – one of the UK's top stand-up comics

FORMER Big Breakfast presenter and stand-up comic Paul Tonkinson has been added to the bill for a new night of comedy in the Black Country this summer.

He was the support act for Michael McIntyre on his recent record-breaking tours, and will appear as top of the bill at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Saturday, July 16.

The Yorkshireman, considered one of the best stand-ups in the country, has stepped in to replace Kerry Godliman and will join rapper and comedian Doc Brown and Black Country troupe The Fizzogs.

The show – called Live At The Civic – will be hosted by Dudley comedian Wayne Beese, 35, and 400 tickets have already been snapped up by comedy fans.

Wayne said: "Naturally we are really disappointed Kerry has had to withdraw. But we are delighted to be able to announce that Paul Tonkinson will be replacing her. He will probably be best remembered to many for his stint hosting The Big Breakfast."

To book tickets, call the box office on 0870 320 7000, or online at www.midlandboxoffice.co.uk

Relaxing help call for cancer wellbeing day

AN APPEAL has been made for pamper therapists who are able to volunteer to help cancer patients in the Black Country and Birmingham.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust is holding its annual cancer wellbeing day this month.

Sara Connor, a cancer nurse specialist at the hospital trust, said: "This is a really great event that aims to offer emotional and practical wellbeing to patients living with and beyond a cancer diagnosis. The day gives patients and their carers the opportunity to discover a range of cancer wellbeing services that are locally available, all under one roof. The benefit of relaxation and physical therapeutic interventions is effective in promoting positive wellbeing. That's why the pamper sessions, such as hand and head massages, prove to be so popular."

The event is at Villa Park on May 14, 10am to 3pm. To help call Jenny Donovan or Ian Charles on 0121 507 2618.

Graduate who tried to dodge speeding fine is sent to prison

A UNIVERSITY graduate from Dudley who tried to dodge a speeding fine by paying a 'legal expert' to provide false driver details to police has been jailed for three months.

West Midlands Police said Ayesha Ahmed, who has a degree in international relations and politics, had ruined a promising career for the sake of not paying a small fine.

Ahmed, of Baptist End Road, Netherton, was caught speeding in her BMW twice within five minutes by a mobile camera van parked near her home in July 2014.

But rather than accept a driver awareness course for travelling at 39mph and 40mph in a 30mph zone, the 27-year-old graduate paid £450 to a man who claimed he could exploit a 'legal loophole' enabling her to escape punishment.

Notices of Intended Prosecution sent to Ahmed were returned to enforcement officers, claiming a woman from Walsall had been behind the wheel. Inquiries revealed eight other speeding offences had been attributed to drivers at the same Walsall address.

Ahmed stood trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court and was jailed after a jury unanimously found her guilty

of attempting to pervert the course of justice. She was also banned from driving for 58 weeks.

Pc Steve Jevons, of the West Midlands Camera Enforcement Unit, said: "Ahmed has paid a heavy price for thinking she could lie her way out of speeding offences. The jury concluded she was deliberately trying to avoid justice and not, as she claimed, victim of a scam by a bogus lawyer. She never met this 'legal expert', didn't have an address or phone number for him, and paid the money via a third party.

"Ahmed was given every opportunity to admit her guilt, that would have spared her a jail term."



Ayesha Ahmed – jailed

Academy plans are challenged

A BLACK Country MP has grilled the Education Secretary over plans to turn all schools into academies. Labour MP for Dudley North Ian Austin asked Nicky Morgan how forcing schools to become academies would improve education when one in five had been told they needed to improve by Ofsted.

Ms Morgan was answering questions from the cross-party Education Committee, which Mr Austin chairs. The Government's plans have been questioned by teaching unions, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, and even some Tory MPs.

Mr Austin said: "The Government should be making the quality of education our number one priority. Labour's original academy programme did help struggling schools improve but there's no evidence that forcing every school down this route will drive up standards."



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Vandals won't beat us, says Scout leader

"THEY won't defeat us." That was the rallying call from group Scout leader Cheryl Langford from 1st Coseley Scouts after the community rallied to raise almost £400 after an arson and vandalism attack left a trail of destruction.

The group's HQ in Bayer Street, Bilston, was targeted with benches that were donated and built by the Prince's Trust set ablaze. Plant pots were also smashed.

Swift action to ramp up security was taken by Beavers leader Claire Gibbons after the attack last month. She set up a 'crowdfunding page' online, in the hope of raising £200 for anti-vandal-

Teenagers in dock over fatal collision

TWO youths have been charged in connection with the death of a telecoms engineer hit by a car as he worked on the roadside.

The pair, who cannot be identified due to their age, are alleged to have been in a stolen car when they careered into two Virgin Media technicians working on a communications box in a Coseley street.

Tributes were paid to Matthew Harding, a 27-year-old newlywed, from Oldbury, following the tragedy last summer.

He and colleague Jermaine Buchanan were working at the junction of Jack Holden Avenue and Robert Wynd when both were hit by a grey Citroen Picasso on July 20.

People rushed to help the injured workmen following the collision, which happened just before midday.

Debris from the damaged communications box was strewn across the road.

Mr Harding, who had married just a week before, died the following day in hospital.

Mr Buchanan suffered a broken arm and jaw, and a twisted ankle, and has since made a full recovery.

Accused

The accused, both now aged 17, appeared before district judge Michael Wheeler at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court on Thursday.

The case was sent to the crown court to be heard.

It is alleged that the first youth, who was dressed in a shirt and tie for the court hearing, and who came from Tipton, was at the wheel of a stolen car when it veered off the road and collided with the two technicians.

He faces two charges of causing death by dangerous driving and causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

The second youth, dressed in denim, and from Bilston, is accused of aggravated vehicle taking, in that he was a passenger in a car that was being driven dangerously when it fatally struck Mr Harding.

The pair, both aged 16 at the time, were arrested at the scene.

ism paint and CCTV cameras. But generous members of the community quickly stumped up nearly £400.

Scout leader Cheryl said: "We are all volunteers and it takes a lot of our time and effort to keep the place in good condition. For someone to just come and vandalise your hard work is difficult to take."

"The money will go towards improving the security, replacing the benches and plant pots. People have been really good. It's quite a close-knit community."

"I think it just shows there are still good people out there. The mindless vandals are in the minority, and they won't defeat us."

More children are left home alone

SCORES of families in the Black Country and Staffordshire are being referred to authorities for leaving children home alone, new figures reveal.

A total of 68 referrals to police, children's services or social services were made by the NSPCC in 2015/16 – up four on the previous year. The cases were passed on to the authorities after calls were made to the NSPCC helpline.

The charity has warned parents to think carefully before they leave their children alone.

A total of 1,883 referrals were made by the NSPCC across England and Wales last year, an increase from 1,826 the year before. Last year the NSPCC helpline took 2,489 calls from adults concerned that children were being left unattended. Some 888 of these – 36 per cent – happened in school summer holiday.

By Alex Ross

There is no set age for leaving a child alone, but the law states there should be no risk of harm to the child.

And it is suggested babies and toddlers are never left on their own and under-16s should not be left alone overnight.

The total number of referrals is gradually rising, from 60 in 2013/14, to 64 in 2014/15 and 68 in 2015/16.

In 2015/16, there were 14 in Dudley (up from 10 the previous year); 13 in Walsall (up from five), 12 in Wolverhampton (up from 11), six in Sandwell (down from 11) and 23 in Staffordshire (down from 27). Birmingham was up from 36 in 2014/15 to 37 in 2015/16.

The NSPCC will refer a case to other agencies, such as the police or children's services, if there are serious concerns for a child's welfare.

Karol Keenan, NSPCC service manager in the West Midlands, said: "Leaving chil-

dren home alone can put them at risk of harm which could result in serious consequences."

"The law says that you shouldn't leave children home alone if they'll be at risk. We don't believe it's acceptable to leave babies, toddlers or very young children home alone for any length of time."

"Children mature at different rates so it's vital there is some flexibility for parents in making these decisions but talking to children about whether they feel OK being left alone and asking yourself questions like 'would they know what to do in an emergency?' are helpful."

"The NSPCC has advice for parents who are thinking of leaving their children home alone which you can find at NSPCC.org.uk."

Anyone with concerns about a child can contact the 24-hour NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000. Parents are also urged to call if they need advice about leaving children alone.

Takeover for engineers after tragedy

AN ENGINEERING company, left in limbo after its founder was killed in a motorcycle accident in Slovenia last year, has been taken over by a Dudley firm.

Askey Precision Engineering in Wednesfield has been acquired by the Dudley-based Machined Fabrications group.

Askey Precision's founder and managing director, Colin Askey, from Cheslyn Hay, died in September last year. The 52-year-old father of two, a keen motorcyclist was on a tour of Europe, leading a convoy of 28 other bikes in Slovenia when he lost control of his Ducati, came off the bike and was struck by a car.

His company employs 12 people at Neachells Lane, providing sub-contract machining capacity, jig and fixtures amongst other services to the aerospace, defence and automotive sectors.

New owner Machined Fabrications is part of a group of engineering companies specialising in heavy engineering, machining and fabrication in the West Midlands and Lancashire. Matthew Wild, group managing director, said: "We are delighted to have this company as part of our group."

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Newly wed Matthew Harding

Mr Harding's widow, Danielle, who was at his hospital bedside when he died, said she and their children were 'well and truly heartbroken' after their tragic loss.

In an emotional tribute to her husband, she said: "I don't know how we're all going to go on without you. Our babies are devastated because daddy is gone."

"There is no man out there who could or ever would be as amazing, caring and loving as you."

"You truly wore your heart on your sleeve babes. I'm so honestly grateful I had the pleasure of knowing you and being your wife. You really made us whole."

"Our worlds have been completely broken at this great loss. You were our hero."

The two youths were bailed to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Thursday, May 12. They were both given unconditional bail.

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Sponsorship row Wolves in appeal for unity

WOLVES have hit back at criticism over its sponsorship deal with The Money Shop – and launched a range of charitable initiatives in response to fan feedback.

Bosses at the club have been stung by a furious reaction from some quarters to the three-year deal, which was announced recently.

More than 3,000 fans have signed a petition opposing the deal, launched by Tom Byrne from Sedgley. Two city MPs and a host of councillors have urged Wolves to reverse its decision, including Dudley Council leader Councillor Pete Lowe.

In response, Wolves have published open letters from chief executive Jez Moxey to MPs Rob Marris and Pat McFadden and city council leader Roger Lawrence.

He pleads for unity and adds that although 'we all wish it were different' football is governed by a constant need for investment, such as the Money Shop deal.

Wolves have launched an option for parents to buy a child's replica Wolves shirt without the Money Shop logo and a new Wolves/Money Shop project to

By Tim Spiers

give financial education to youngsters. They will publish an advert in next season's programme highlighting work by charities on financial issues, while community finance organisations will be able to advertise at The Money Shop's Wolverhampton store.

Wolves marketing chief Matt Grayson said the club was fully aware of the strength of feeling among fans, organisations and politicians. He added: "We are always keen to acknowledge and understand the views of our supporters, and recognise that this has proved a contentious issue, but we would ask people to judge the partnership between Wolves and The Money Shop over the course of the three-year agreement."

**Glass act as artwork
to be auctioned off**



Naomi Jacques with a piece of her artwork which will be up for sale at the auction at The University of Wolverhampton

UNIQUE artwork moulded out of glass and clay are going under the hammer in Wolverhampton.

Stunning pieces created by world-renowned glassmakers will be sold alongside the work of students and alumni from the city's university.

It is all in aid of sending a group of 10 students to the New Designers Exhibition in London where they will have the chance to showcase their work to the industry's big-hitters and the buying public.

Among those whose work will be sold at the auction and then will attend the end-of-year exhibition is final-year undergraduate Alfie Smith. He has spent the last three years exploring new ways to create art using state-of-the-art digital technology.

"The pieces being sold at the auction are all ceramics or glass and they have been 3D printed using a printer I built here at the university," he said.

The auction is being held at the Arena Theatre in Wulfruna Street on May 23.

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Gang subjected victim to terrifying kidnap ordeal

A TERRIFIED young man was kidnapped by a gang after being lured into an ambush by his ex-girlfriend, a judge heard.

Michael Durrant, the new boyfriend of 21-year-old Olivia Davies, believed Matthew Hutchins owed him money.

The pair hatched a plot to force him into settling the alleged debt, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Hutchins - who had split with Davies but was still fond of her - returned to her Brierley Hill home to deliver some clothes on December 30, said Mr Edward Soulsby, prosecuting. He also found 31-year-old Durrant at the address. Later, while on the bus home at Wednesbury, he received a phone call from Davies pleading for help.

Back in Brierley Hill, while waiting on Bell Street South for his ex-girlfriend, he saw Michael Durrant and ran off. Davies, Durrant and Andrew Bradley, a 31-year-old friend of the couple, gave chase in a Jaguar driven by Durrant's brother Mark, aged 29.

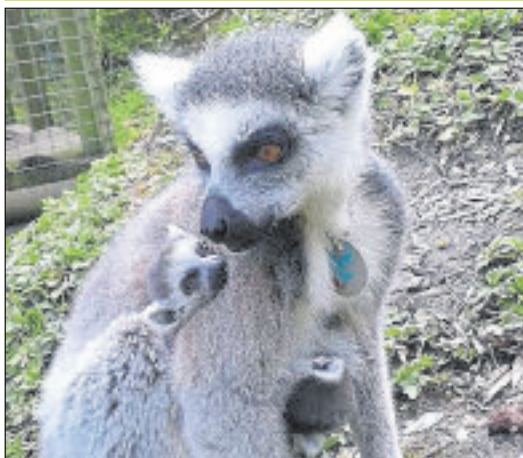
Mr Hutchins was cornered outside the Odeon cinema at Merry Hill. Michael Durrant ran at the victim and felled him with a rugby tackle before punching him. He was then bundled into the Jaguar, which drove off leaving Davies behind.

Michael Durrant punched Mr Hutchins in the face once more while the three men talked of giving him a good beating.

The car stopped in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, where Mr Hutchins was pulled out of the vehicle, punched again in the face by Michael Durrant, and told to take the incident as a warning. He later told police he was 'petrified' by the 40-minute ordeal, adding: "They said they were going to take me to a field and get rid of me."

Michael Durrant, of Bodmin Court, Brierley Hill, was jailed for two years three months. Davies, of the same address, was detained for two years. Mark Durrant, of Hilton Road, Tividale, and Bradley, of Stourbridge Road, Dudley, both got 20 month prison terms. All pleaded guilty to kidnap.

Babes in Lemur Wood



Phoebe, Dudley Zoo's ring-tailed lemur, with one of her twins born on April 17 at the Castle Hill attraction, her eighth litter

THERE'S double delight at Dudley Zoo where keepers have welcomed the arrival of tiny lemur twins.

The ring-tailed babies are the eighth litter for their 14-year-old mother Phoebe. Since their birth on April 17, they have been melting the hearts of zoo staff and visitors at the Lemur Wood attraction.

They are settling in well into their enclosure and have been getting to know their siblings including twins Itzy and Bitzy, who were

born in August. Section leader Pat Stevens said: "Phoebe just gets on with nursing them while also dealing with Itzy, Bitzy, Icarus, Kinich, Nelly, Kelly, Spock and Freya - as well as partner, Frank, who all live in Lemur Wood with her.

"The siblings all seem very excited with the newborns. The babies are doing very well and Phoebe seems very settled in the walk-through wood exhibit and is happy to show off her new additions."

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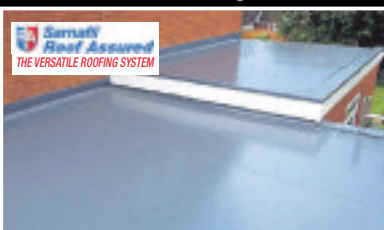


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Caparo boss jumped to his death when upset at job losses

THE boss of Black Country steel firm Caparo Industries jumped to his death from the balcony of his London pent-house apartment.

He had become overcome with depression following the collapse of his business, an inquest heard. Angad Paul, aged 45, believed he was to blame for the downfall of the family business. His steel company, Caparo, had been enduring large-scale job cuts as administrators tried to salvage the firm. Hundreds of redundancies were announced in October 2015 amid the collapse in steel prices, a month before he died.

Mr Paul was the son of Lord Paul who founded the business in 1968 with a £5,000 loan and turned it into a

multi billion-pound enterprise. Angad Paul had run the Oldbury-based Caparo Industries subsidiary since taking over from his father in 1996.

It collapsed with £160 million of debt, leading to the loss of around 500 jobs from its factories in the Black Country including Dudley, Oldbury and Darlaston.

Westminster Coroner's Court heard that Mr Paul became very depressed when the company was put into administration, and, although he believed it was the 'wrong decision', there was nothing he could do.

Devastated

Mr Paul's wife, Michelle, said that in the months before his death her husband had expressed his wish to come off anti-depressant medication, which he had been taking since 1999.

The court heard that Mr Paul sold his four sports cars and began wearing his cheapest watch, saying he did not 'deserve nice things' when many of his workers were going to lose their jobs.

He admitted himself to the Capio Nightingale hospital on October 4, and left 12 days later. He returned to work but was 'devastated' when news broke about major job losses at the company.

On November 8, Mrs Paul left the flat in Portland Place to get a cup of coffee, leaving her husband at home with their two children.

When she and Lord Paul, who lived in the same building, arrived neither of them could find Mr Paul. Mrs Paul later noticed the kitchen door to the balcony was open, and when she looked over the edge she saw him lying on the first-floor flat roof.

Assistant Coroner Shirley Radcliffe ruled that Mr Paul killed himself while "the balance of his mind was disturbed".



Angad Paul, who died aged 45

Point North offices turned flats unveiled



Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho, centre, officially opens the multi-million pound Point North apartment complex

A MULTI-MILLION scheme to convert the former Point North office block in Brierley Hill into apartments has been completed following months of work.

The apartments should breathe life into The Waterfront after a number of businesses, clubs and bars closed, which has left 40 per cent of the site vacant.

The Landmark, which it is now called, has 181 luxury apartments and could have up to 300 people living inside.

Further long-term plans include creating 66,000 sq ft of new business space at the site. Phase one will focus on filling the existing vacant premises on The Waterfront by 2021.

Birmingham contractor Colmore Tang Construction topped out four of its key construction sites across the West Midlands in one day earlier this month, including office-to-residential conversion projects at The Waterfront, Birmingham city centre, Worcester and the newly-opened Park Regis Hotel in Birmingham.

Dudley Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho at the event said: "It is a spectacular development to have been created in Dudley. The views from the block are remarkable and I was really impressed with how modern the builds were. I was told that the majority of the 181 had already been pre-sold within three months on the market. Its future is looking bright."

Wolves legend Steve Bull has bought one of the six penthouse apartments, priced £124,950, with views over the canal toward Merry Hill.

One in five sex offences by foreigners

ALMOST 20 per cent of all sex offences in the West Midlands last year were committed by foreign nationals.

The statistics, obtained through a Freedom of Information request, reveal that nearly one in five of offenders carrying out sex attacks were not born in the UK.

In some months last year, the percentage of foreigners committing sexual offences rose as high as 22 per cent.

In total, 1,647 suspects were arrested, 294 of which were foreign nationals. This included 30 Pakistanis, 30 Romanians, 25 Poles and 23 from India.

A total of 584 suspects were later charged, including both non-UK and UK nationals.

The figures indicate a rise in the number of sex offences taking place. The number of non-UK nationals arrested for offences of this type in 2014 was 316, that's 16.8 per cent of 1,878 people who were arrested on sexual offence charges that year.

In addition, 184 foreign nationals were arrested on suspicion of rape in the West Midlands last year. Out of these, a total of 33 were later charged.

Suspects included 28 from Pakistan, 19 from Poland and 14 from India, as well as nine from Jamaica, eight from Romania, seven from Iran and seven from Nigeria.

Black Country bakers invited to join contest

A BAKING competition and cake sale will raise money for a Black Country beauty spot.

Bake For The Woods will be hosted by Warley Woods Community Trust on Saturday, May 14.

There will be four categories for bakers, who have to bring their cakes to the pavilion at the site in Smethwick at 10am ahead of the judging at 10.30am. For more information call 0121 420 1061.

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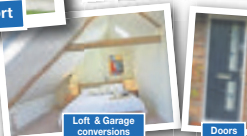
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Weekly club to tackle loneliness

A WEEKLY club aimed at combating loneliness has been set up by Dudley Canal Trust. The club, led by volunteers, will run every Tuesday between 10am and noon at The Gongoozler cafe in new multi-million pound heritage centre, The Portal. It gives people the chance to have a chat over a cuppa.

Co-ordinator Rebecca Cooper-Sayer said: "It's fantastic that we've been able to set up this informal chit-chat club. It's run by our team of warm and friendly volunteers. There is no formality or agenda, you don't even have to come every week, just drop in."

Chief executive Nick Morris said: "We can offer so much more for our visitors now that we have our new visitor centre. As a charity, we're always looking for ways to engage with the local community."

For more information call 0121 557 6265.

More than 840 driving tests were called off during 2015

MORE than 840 driving tests were cancelled due to strike action, annual leave or bad weather across the Black Country and Staffordshire last year.

Learner drivers fell foul of a walkout by examiners while poor light and adverse weather conditions also led to tests being called off during the 12 months, new figures show.

Examiners taking annual leave also meant some pupils were forced to re-arrange their tests after booking them.

A total of 843 HGV and car driving tests were postponed for the three reasons at centres at Lower Gornal, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, Featherstone, Lichfield and, Stafford, Wednesbury and Wolverhampton during 2015. This compares with 392 during the previous year. But the 2014 figure did not include Featherstone as no data was available for the test centre.

Dozens more tests have been called off due to examiners being off sick or for other medical reasons throughout the year.

National strikes took place in November and December last year which led to a higher

number having tests re-arranged. The industrial action involved members of the Public and Commercial Services Union, which saw driving examiners and officers who do vehicle and traffic safety checks walk-out after talks failed to resolve a dispute over working hours.

A total of 18,605 tests were conducted at the test centres during the period.

The Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency's head of operations, Phil Lloyd said: "DVSA will conduct over 1.7 million car practical driving tests this year and only a small number of these are cancelled by the agency."

Rare beetle is a common find

ONE of Britain's threatened oil beetles is making a comeback at a wildlife reserve near Kingswinford.

Sightings of the black oil beetle are higher than ever at the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's Highgate Common nature reserve.

So far in 2016 there have been 30 records submitted, with the reserve being the only place where you can spot the beetle in the West Midlands.

Trust spokesman, Jeff Sim, said: "The species witnessed a heavy decline in distribution over the last few decades. Three of Britain's oil beetle species are already extinct. To see them in such healthy numbers at Highgate Common is a great sight."

Family raise more than £20k



Jack Kelly joins father Dermott and grandfather, Frank, sitting, with a cheque for the hospice

A BANKER battled through mud during his fundraising exploits in memory of his mother, raising more than £20,000 for a hospice.

Dermott Kelly's latest charitable challenge saw him conquer the 10K mud run at Baggeridge Country Park, raising a total of £2,350 for Compton Hospice, helped by his father, Frank, and 20-year-old son, Jack.

Frank helped raise the total by asking for cash donations rather than expecting presents for his 80th birthday, raising £1,000.

He celebrated his landmark birthday at Wolverhampton's Emerald Social Club, which he helped to start, surrounded by nearly 300 family and friends.

Dermott, the manager of Handelsbanken in Wolverhampton, said the support he had received for his fundraising efforts had now taken him past the £20,000 mark.

The family began fundraising following the death of Dermott's mother, Maureen, who died aged 56 from a brain tumour 14 years ago. She was cared for at Compton Hospice.

Mr Kelly, aged 52, from Codsall, said: "The thing about Compton Hospice it lacks sufficient Government funding to continue doing its fantastic work.

"Help must come from people who donate money. They need all the help they can get."

Dermott plans to continue his fundraising this year and will be taking part in a charity golf day.

Wolverhampton-based Compton Hospice is a Black Country charity which has been supporting patients facing a life-limiting illness and their families for more than 30 years.

Bowie farewell gift for Peaky Blinders

DAVID Bowie granted the creator of TV gangster drama Peaky Blinders permission to use his music just days before his death. The rock legend was such a fan of the BBC Two series, filmed at Dudley's Black Country Living Museum, that he sent Birmingham-born writer and director Steven Knight his last album prior to its release.

Bowie released Blackstar days before he died of cancer in January. Knight explained to Radio Times that a senior executive from his record label had arrived at his house with the album on December 30. He said: "Then on the following Tuesday we heard that he'd passed away. His people were keen to establish that we could use it before he died."

The singer had also contacted the show's star, Cillian Murphy. "He sent a photo of himself with razor blades in his cap to Cillian about a year ago," Knight said, adding: "He was a big, big fan." The series returns to TV screens tonight (Thursday).

Band will raise brass

ONE of the UK's top brass bands is tuning up to raise cash for cancer care in the Black Country with a concert at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on May 14.

Rugby's Bilton Silver Band will be in concert with all proceeds going to White House Cancer Support, based in Ednam Road, Dudley.

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HE trekked along one of the world's most iconic landmarks and now after a year-long campaign to raise vital funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital, Sedgley businessman Jason Addison has doubled his target.

Mr Addison, aged 44, scaled 100 miles of the Great Wall of China in September as part of a campaign to boost the hospital's oncology unit, resulting in more than £20,000 raised.

The boss of Addison Tyre Centre, in Tipton, took on the challenge as the ward remains close to his heart after his son was successfully treated there for leukaemia aged four. He celebrated his 21st birthday last year.

Jason said: "The trek was a very tough challenge and one of the best things I have done in my life."

Celebrating achievement

A ROTARY club will be celebrating the achievements of inspirational youngsters at its Young Citizens Awards.

The Rotary Club of Sedgley and Wombourne will be recognising the achievements of young people aged under 19.

The closing date for applications is May 31.

To find out more contact the president at kentomas01384@hotmail.com or see www.rotarysedgleyandwombourne.org.uk

FOCUS ON SEDGLEY AND GORNAL

Parents are worried over arrival of 200 extra pupils

A PETITION is being launched by parents at a Sedgley school opposing council plans to increase pupils' numbers by more than 200.

Parents of Dormston School pupils are furious over how Dudley Council has tried to make children move from Coseley School to Dormston with fears it will put huge pressure on teaching staff.

The school already has around 1,000 pupils.

By Jamie Brassington

Concerned parents aired their views at a meeting held at the school on Friday night where more than 100 parents turned out, alongside Sedgley councillors Michael Evans and Tina Westwood and school governors.

Councillor Evans, who is on the board of governors at Dormston, said: "The parents were disgusted with Dudley Council's Children's Services. If Dudley Council had addressed the situation with Coseley School four or five years ago there would not be this situation now."

Dictatorship

"The parents felt because Dormston had gone through a very hard period and now was moving in the right direction, this dictatorship from Dudley Council would greatly affect the facilities in the school."

"It will put a tremendous amount of pressure on the school and teaching

staff. The governing body of Dormston School will not stand back and let Dudley Council jeopardise the future of the school."

"They (parents) are going to petition against this proposed decision and will fully support the governing body in fighting this decision."

Coseley School's future was cast into doubt when council bosses launched a consultation about its possible closure. Councillor Evans fears a decision has already been made behind closed doors.

Tony Oakman, a strategic director at Dudley Council, said: "We received a number of requests from parents from Coseley School to move their children to Dormston School, and other schools. Every school has a previously agreed capacity level and Dormston has not reached theirs."



Councillor Michael Evans beside the new signpost pointing out places of interest in Sedgley

New sign for visitors to village

IT'S the sign of the times for Sedgley after a new signpost pointing to places of interest was put up.

The sign, standing around 8ft tall, was installed outside the Iceland supermarket along Sedgley High Street directing people around places in the town.

It was the idea of Sedgley councillors Michael Evans and Tina Westwood, following discussions with residents.

Places that feature on the sign are the Ladies Walk Health Centre, the Community Centre, Dormston School, Queen Victoria School and public toilets.

Councillor Michael Evans said: "The sign is approximately 8ft tall and 7ft wide with the directional arrows."

"On numerous occasions Councillor Westwood and myself have been asked by visitors coming into Sedgley, and residents of Sedgley, how to get to those places."

Crackdown over High Street jobs

POLICE are taking action to tackle a rise in anti-social behaviour in Sedgley.

Sergeant Adam Revell said there had been an increase in complaints about groups causing a nuisance in the High Street.

Extra police patrols have been taking place to deter troublemakers.

He said: "There's been an increase of calls reporting a group of teenagers engaging in anti-social behaviour at different locations along the High Street and the immediate surrounding area. This is a new and emerging issue and police action is at the early stages of gathering evidence."

"Patrols have been increased and CCTV is being used to identify the core members acting in an unruly manner."

Officers will update residents at a meeting on May 12 at The Dormston School at 7pm.

Yolo for shop girl pop star

FROM working in a Merry Hill store to singing on stage at Wembley Arena, it's been a whirlwind few years for Lower Gornal singer Beth Sherburn.

Now the 25-year-old is releasing single 'YOLO' on May 27, and is working on her album with producers who have worked with The Saturdays, the group she supported on tour.

Both was signed up after a music producer heard her singing as she worked in Debenhams.

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Lake District walk to boost Beacon

FUNDRAISERS are needed to take part in a 27-mile charity trek in the Lake District in aid of the Beacon Centre.

The Sedgley-based sight-loss charity is appealing for walkers to take on the challenge, from September 16 to 18, to raise funds. Day one of the trek covers Keswick to Langdale following the beautiful Cumbrian Way, a distance of around 17 miles. Day two covers Langdale to the stunning waters of Conistone, a distance of around 10 miles.

The trip includes two nights of accommodation and all meals are included from Friday night until Sunday lunch. It has been created to be accessible for both sighted people and those with sight loss, including those with guide dogs.

The charity says describes the trek as 'a chance to see some of the sights of the Lake District rarely spotted by tourists'. The fundraising target is £500, including £50 registration fee. See www.beaconvision.org

GP surgery gets praise as most in borough make the grade

HEALTH chiefs have highlighted the great services available across Dudley's GP practices – despite a practice being placed into special measures.

The CQC have inspected 24 Dudley practices this financial year, with 21 receiving an overall rating of good and receiving the highest rating possible for specific areas of service.

Moss Grove Surgery in Kingswinford was given an 'outstanding' rating for being well led in an inspection carried out in February. The surgery provides a full range of GP services to nearly 15,000 patients. Inspectors identified the high standards of safety in place at the practice

and said risks were well managed. They noted patients' needs were assessed and care plans developed using best practice guidance.

Under CQC's new programme of inspections, all England's GP practices are given a rating according to whether they are safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led.

Last month Quarry Road Surgery, on Quarry Road, was rated as 'inadequate' and placed into special measures, following an inspection in February.

Although inspectors found staff were 'courteous and helpful' to patients both visiting the surgery and on the telephone, there were significant areas of concern as 'care and treatment was not always delivered in line with best practice'.

Chairman of Healthwatch Dudley Pam Bradbury said that any care service in the borough which is found to be failing to meet the standards set out by the CQC 'is of concern', and they will work with providers and commissioners to ensure 'the highest quality of local service provision' is given residents and patients.

Mr Steve Wellings, chairman of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee, was delighted with the report on Moss Grove. He said: "It is great to see Moss Grove Surgery receive an outstanding rating for being well led by the CQC. It is a testament to the excellent skills and hard work of all the staff who played a part. It is clear that Moss Grove Surgery is providing an effective, responsive and well led service."

Cancer charity's zoo abseil event

A CANCER charity is organising a sponsored abseil event down the walls of Dudley Castle.

Balls to Cancer, which is based in Coseley, is inviting people to sign up for the event on September 25.

It costs £10 to register and everyone taking part has to raise a minimum £200 in sponsorship for the charity, which raises funds for male cancer awareness and education.

Spectators

Each abseiler can bring a maximum of four spectators who will be allowed in to Dudley Zoo at a reduced cost of £8.

To find out more email contact@ballstocancer.co.uk

More information about the charity is available at the ballstocancer.co.uk website.

Nice to see you at comedy club



Game for a laugh – Janice Connolly as Barbara Nice, the latest top comic to headline at Fitz of Laughter Comedy Club, held at Kate Fitzgerald's pub in Stourbridge

DESCRIBED as a comedy whirlwind clad in leopardskin, the newly-crowned best comedian in the Midlands is heading to a Stourbridge venue.

Barbara Nice will be headlining the Fitz of Laughter Comedy Club tomorrow night (Friday), held in a marquee at Katie Fitzgerald's pub.

Barbara is the comedy creation of Janice Connolly, who played Holy Mary in Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights.

She recently won a public vote to be named Best Midlands Comedian in the What's On Readers Awards.

She will be part of a triple bill also featuring Ben Briggs and Hayley Ellis.

The night will be hosted by resident compere Dudley's Wayne Beese.

Wayne said: "We are really looking forward to playing host to Barbara. She is

excellent at creating a real feel-good atmosphere – she sings, dances, chats and has even been known to crowd surf!

"No-one ever quite knows what is going to happen when Barbara rocks into town but, whatever happens, it promises to be an unforgettable night."

The comedy club at the venue in Envile Street, Wollaston, runs on the first Friday of every month and already this year has hosted top comics Gary Delaney, Zoe Lyons and Nathan Caton.

Doors open at 8pm with the show getting under way at around 8.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and booking is advised. They are available, with no booking fee, from www.skiddle.com/e/12556752. For further information like the club's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fitzoflaughter or follow @fitzoflaughter1 on Twitter.

Staff swap patients for penguins at zoo

A GROUP of Russells Hall Hospital radiographers delivered breakfast for Dudley Zoo animals during a Wake Up the Zoo experience.

The group booked a bespoke behind-the-scenes tour which saw them join keepers on their daily duties cleaning and prepping breakfast for the animals.

Led by presenter Langan Turner, the group of radiographers and their family members, tickled the tapirs in the South American paddock, fed 60-plus eager Humboldt penguins and the meerkat mob before finishing up with breakfast in Oak Kitchen at the Queen Mary Restaurant.

Langan said: "It was a great group to welcome to DZG and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

"Quite a few of them fell in love with Elliot, one of the hand-reared penguins, who took quite a liking to the group and was persistent when asking them for his breakfast."

Banqueting suite sale

A BANQUETING suite in Dudley town centre will go under the hammer in Birmingham today (Thursday).

There is a guide price of £475,000 to £500,000 for the Prince Banqueting Suite, Martin Hill Street.

It is one of the 137 lots in SDL Bigwood's latest property auction, being held from 11am in the Holte Suite at Aston Villa's Villa Park ground.

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The 156 Bus Group – Howard 'Terry' Carter, Graham Harper, Dave Wootton and Ian Rhydderch with their pride and joy



Dave Wootton, who is one of the drivers of the 156 bus

Wheels on the bus go round again after decades of attention to detail

IT has taken Graham Harper decades, but the driven 75-year-old has spent more than £23,000 rebuilding the bus that took him to school more than 60 years ago.

Graham used to hop on the number 28 bus as a teenager each morning 60 years ago and even travelled on the Daimler CVG 5 on its first day of service.

So when the opportunity to get hold of the disused vehicle from the West Bromwich Bus Corporation came up in 1967, he managed to strike a bargain deal with the council. But Graham only began working on the bus, which has cost him £13,000 in rent to store alone, in 1982 with pals.

Incredibly, even after he finished studying at Cronehills Secondary Technical School in West Bromwich, Graham even used the bus to travel to work for years while as an apprentice at a steel equipment company. In total, Graham reckons he had

MEMORY LANE

Report by Alex Ross

travelled 54,600 miles on the bus while using the 28 route.

The components for the bus set Graham back a princely £10,000 in total, with the likes of new tyres and replacement seat covers costing £1,000 and £2,500 respectively.

Even after years of riding the bus to and from work, Graham then took up working as a bus driver until his retirement and puts his long-lasting love down to his father who also worked in the profession.

Chassis

The 38-seater vehicle has since passed its MOT and thankfully for Graham, and his wallet, he doesn't have to pay road tax.

The labour of love has seen Graham and his mates Terry Cater, 74, Dave Wootton, 70, and Ian Rhydderch, 74, at the 156 Bus Group painstakingly strip out the entire bus

right down to the chassis which transpired was built in 1948. And, having driven buses for so long, it was only fitting that Graham took his renovated ride for a spin once it was roadworthy.

Graham said: "Initially when I got behind the wheel of the Daimler I had reservations, as I had been surprised that the bus had passed its MOT. But it was an absolute pleasure to drive and take it on the road as there were so many memories that it brought back. I used to get on the number 28 bus to get to secondary school in the morning and have ended up getting on that route all of my life. I'd often thought that I wouldn't mind becoming a bus driver like my father and when the opportunity came up to buy the bus, I thought I would become an owner as well."

While the project has been dear to Graham and his friends over the years though, he admitted that the painstaking process sometimes tested his wife, Joyce, 70. Graham said: "My wife has been very patient with me over the years."



Graham Harper, seen when he was aged six

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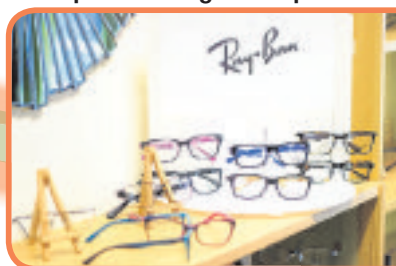
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Here's the bike that beat the Wall of Death



Les Whiston with Guy Martin's Rob North Rocket BSA triple, for which Les supplied most of the parts

MILLIONS watched on TV when motorbike racer and personality Guy Martin set a new Wall of Death world speed record.

The daredevil, who has broken numerous speed records on hit TV show *Speed* with Guy Martin, completed another death-defying stunt by hurtling at 78.15mph around a huge wall built from shipping containers at an aircraft hangar near his Grimsby home.

The craftsmanship of his BSA motorbike was vital and that's where Dudley-based Trident MCS got involved.

It was in an engineering workshop in Woodsetton that 80 per cent of the bike's parts were made and hand-delivered to Martin.

Les Whiston, aged 65, who runs the workshop with his wife Denise, met the 34-year-

old racer while at the Isle of Man for the Manx GP on the notorious TT course. Les had brought over a BSA motorbike over for a racer to tackle the demanding course and Martin, who began his career on his dad's BSA, immediately showed an interest.

Martin built the BSA for his Wall of Death challenge in his own workshop with his dad, Ian, and mechanic, Cammy Whitworth. But 80 per cent of the parts came from the Woodsetton workshop.

"We supplied the swinging arm and engine, the crank shaft was made in Wolverhampton, the pistons were made in Oldbury and we designed the transmission so pretty much the whole record-breaking bike came from the Black Country," said Les.

"Guy would come up and collect the parts himself and we were there when he broke the record."



Daredevil rider Guy Martin

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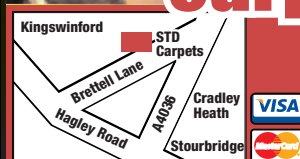
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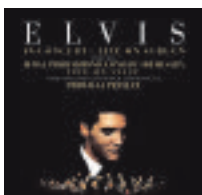
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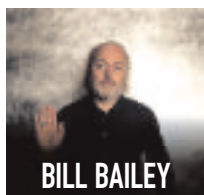
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Tuesday to Saturday

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Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

Violence, sex and opera singing too

PREJUDICES against opera as being boring are likely to be blown away by English Touring Opera's acclaimed new productions of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* and Gluck's *Iphigénie en Tauride*.

Human sacrifice and vampire-like villains feature in ETO's bloody new version of Gluck's opera set in the aftermath of the Trojan War.

Sung in French with English surtitles, the two and a half hour epic will be staged at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Monday.

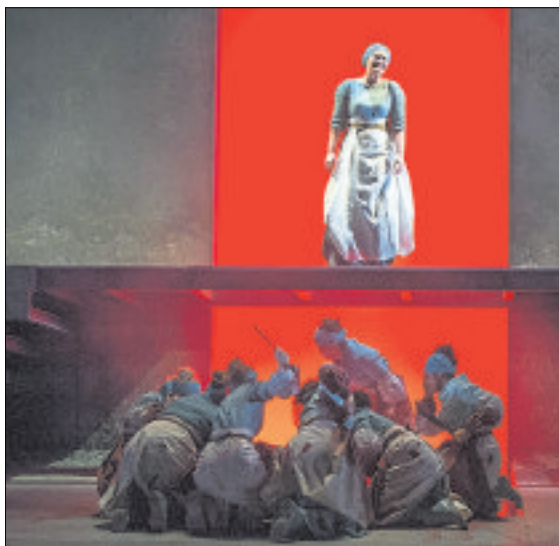
Tragedy

A brother and sister are reunited in the most heart-breaking circumstances in this Greek tragedy, directed for ETO by James Conway, designed by Anna Fleischle and with Martin André conducting. Due to perform at the Grand is Australian mezzo soprano Catherine Carby as Iphigénie and Australian-born baritone Grant Doyle as her brother Oreste.

Don Giovanni will be sung in English translation on Tuesday in a near three hour production. Featuring opera's most famous anti-hero, director Lloyd Wood has set the story of the serial seducer and his long-suffering servant in the sewers of Vienna circa 1900. Australian-born baritone Nicholas Lester is due to play the dirty Don in Wolverhampton with former G4 bass Matthew Stiff as his servant Leporello.

To book visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01902 429 212.

There will be further highlights for opera fans next month when Welsh



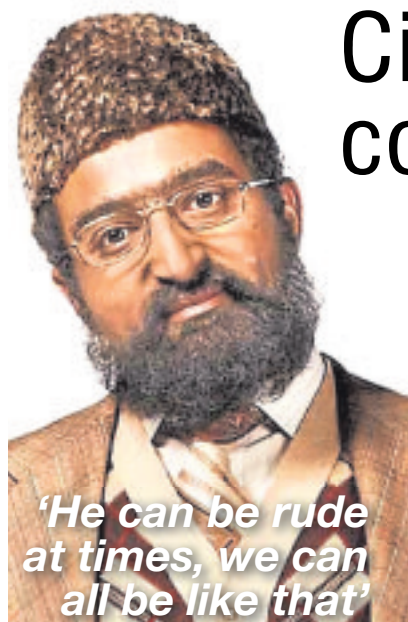
ETO's *Iphigénie en Tauride* (front *Don Giovanni*) Photo: Richard Hubert Smith

National Opera makes a return visit to Birmingham Hippodrome, this time featuring the classics *Cavalleria rusticana* and *Pagliacci*.

WNO celebrates its 70th birthday with the double bill of *Cav & Pag*. Each opera packs in much high drama and powerful music in just over an hour. The double bill, sung in

Italian with English surtitles, will be at the Hippodrome on June 9 and 11.

On June 10 WNO perform in Parenthesis, young British composer Iain Bell's adaptation of the epic poem by David Jones about First World War soldiers who enter a magical wood amid the horror of the Somme.



Citizen Khan comes home

WHEN we called Adil Ray ahead of his UK tour, we were a bit worried. Would we meet the charming Adil, actor and personality? Or would the rather formidable Citizen Khan be on the other end of the line, telling us that he didn't have any free tickets for us, so get lost?

Fortunately, it was the former. The 41-year-old creator of Britain's much-loved self-appointed community leader Mr Khan is preparing for the They All Know Me tour, which comes to Birmingham's Genting Arena tomorrow (Friday).

"I come from Birmingham, my show is set in Birmingham and Mr Khan is a Brummie character, so it all feels rather warm and cuddly, if I'm honest," says Adil.

The tour will allow fans of the BBC One sitcom to see the show live on stage – something that has been so well received, six more dates had to be added to the Britain-wide tour.

So, what does Adil think makes Citizen Khan so popular? "There's an element of all of us in him. He can be a bit proud, a bit deluded and a bit of a dreamer," he says. "He can be rude at times and I think we can all be like that. But I think deep down, a lot of it is a cover that hides vulnerabilities. And that's what makes him real."

"If you grew up after 9/11, the only time you've seen a Muslim on the telly is when they're a terrorist or somebody talking about terrorism. It's a negative portrayal. And now you've got someone like Mr Khan, hopefully kids will realise that Muslims aren't all bad."

Alt-rockers Wussy and Chastity Belt

OHIO alt-rock outfit Wussy play the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath tomorrow (Friday). The same venue hosts London singer-songwriter Isaac Gracie on Monday and on Wednesday, from Walla Walla Washington, feminist rockers Chastity Belt.

Rat Boy's gig at the O2 Institute in Digbeth tonight is sold out, Cuban-American Goth Aurelio Voltaire holds court tomorrow and MC Lethal Bizzle is at the venue on Saturday.

Ian McNabb's band The Icicle Works are at the O2 Academy tomorrow and bands from Stafford College have a showcase at the venue on Wednesday. Tomorrow The Treatment are at Wolverhampton Slade Rooms.

Living for rock and a tribute to da Vinci

THEATRE meets gig when Middle Child Theatre of Hull bring Weekend Rockstars to Birmingham Rep's The Door venue tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

Written by Luke Barnes with original music by James Frewer, it tells of three young people who live for the weekend and rock music.

As part of the International Dance Festival Birmingham (see right), the Rep's main house on Tuesday hosts the visually striking *Vuelos (Flights)*, a family-friendly tribute by award-winning international company Aracalanza to the genius of Leonardo da Vinci.

Festival celebrates a world of dance

INTERNATIONAL Dance Festival Birmingham on Saturday features a free six hour dance spectacular beside the Bullring from noon.

From tonight to Saturday there are sold out performances at Birmingham Hippodrome by Cuban dancer Carlos Acosta, part of his farewell to ballet.

Tomorrow and Saturday Csaba Molnar performs *Eclipse* in a double bill with duo Jinx 103 at the Patrick Centre (in the Hippodrome). On Tuesday and Wednesday the Hippodrome hosts the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan.

The festival continues until May 22, see www.idfb.co.uk

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Tom Sturridge
The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses – Henry VI Part I (BBC2, 9pm)

New series. The critically acclaimed adaptation of Shakespeare's historical plays returns, with three more star-studded films covering the events of Henry VI Parts One, Two and Three, and Richard III, all of which deal with events surrounding the bloody civil conflict known as the War of the Roses. In the midst of the Hundred Years War, as English forces seek to conquer France, the charismatic King Henry V dies, leaving his infant son to take the crown. Seventeen years later, the realm is under the protection of the Duke of Gloucester and the teenage Henry VI. However, bitter defeat in France cause unrest in Henry's court.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Athletics: Diamond League Doha Highlights. **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League: Castleford Tigers v Salford Red Devils (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.25** Can't Touch This.
6.15 **Pointless Celebrities.** Toby Anstis and Jenni Falconer, Janice Long and Bob Harris, Peter White and Steve Pent, and Angie Greaves and Steve Pent take part in the general knowledge quiz.
7.05 **Michael McIntyre's Big Show.** The comedian hosts another evening of entertainment at London's Theatre Royal on Drury Lane. This week, he is joined on stage by fellow stand-up Rob Beckett, and introduces an acrobatic dance performance by Romeo of the Cirque du Soleil. He also invites electro-pop trio Years and Years to play for the assembled live audience, and a handyman receives the surprise of his life when he becomes the Unexpected Star of the Show. Plus, Michael hijacks Strictly Come Dancing judge Bruno Tonioli's mobile phone, composing another embarrassing message to deliver to his contacts in Celebrity Send To All.
8.00 **The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List.** Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
8.50 **Casualty.** New consultant Elle Gardner's first day in the ED proves to be a baptism of fire.
9.40 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes goes on a diet after her family's comments about her weight, but soon realises how difficult it will be to lay off the fish and chips. (R)
10.10 **BBC News:** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights from the Premier League, including Leicester City v Everton and Norwich City v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.
11.55 **Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle.** This selection includes Peter talks about dogs on This Morning. (R)
12.25 **Film:** Mad City. (1997) Hostage drama, starring John Travolta. **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **7.00** MasterChef: The Finals. (R) **8.00** MasterChef: The Finals. (R) **9.00** MasterChef: The Finals. (R) **10.00** The Women's Football Show. (R) **10.30** **Film:** School for Scoundrels. (1960) **12.00** The Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmets. (R) **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Escape to the Continent. (R) **2.45** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.30** The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain. (R) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Bake Off: Crème de la Crème. (R) **6.00** **Gardeners' World.** Horticultural ideas and advice. (R)
6.30 **Attenborough's Passion Project: A Blank on the Map.** The BBC marks David Attenborough's 90th birthday by revisiting four of his 'passion projects', beginning with the 1971 programme in which he met elusive tribesmen in New Guinea.
7.30 **Attenborough's Passion Project: The Lost Gods of Easter Island.** A documentary from 2000, in which David Attenborough traces the origins of a mysterious carved figure he bought in New York back to the natives of Easter Island.
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring finds a German pilot trapped on top of the town clock by his parachute, so the platoon attempts a rescue mission. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
9.00 **The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses – Henry VI Part I.** New series. The acclaimed adaptation of Shakespeare's historical plays returns. England's defeat in the Hundred Years War divides the court of Henry VI. Drama, starring Tom Sturridge, Sophie Okonedo and Hugh Bonneville.
10.50 **Film: Zodiac.** Fact-based crime thriller about the tortuous hunt for a mysterious serial killer who terrorised San Francisco in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and taunted the police and media with cryptic messages. Three men became obsessed with identifying the murderer after his reign of terror inexplicably stopped, but their fixation with the case took a heavy toll on their lives. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Robert Downey Jr, Mark Ruffalo and Brian Cox.
1.20 **Film: Kicks.** (2009) Two teenage girls learn their favourite footballer is transferring to Real Madrid, so kidnap him to make him stay. Comedy drama, with Kerrie Hayes and Nichola Burley. **2.40** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.24** Regional Programme. **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.30** BBQ Champ. (R) **2.30** **Film:** Despicable Me. (2010) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell. **4.30** The Wine Show. **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.
6.00 **You've Been Framed! Finest.** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including a mustard-swallowing challenge that backfires and a teenager who finds a cockroach in his dinner.
7.00 **Bang on the Money.** Game show in which two teams from Essex and Newcastle aim to hit a specific target number in a series of physical and mental challenges.
8.00 **Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec introduce more coverage from the nationwide talent show's touring audition stage, now in its fifth week, with the race hotting up to be crowned as the 10th champion in the history of the series. Reports suggest only one Golden Buzzer remains, meaning one of last week's acts was impressive enough to tempt either Ant and Dec or Simon Cowell to put them through to the semis without further ado. It remains to be seen whether any of this week's crop of performers will be able to wow the judges to the extent that the final Buzzer will be used.
9.15 **Play to the Whistle.** Wilfried Zaha, Funmi Olatoye and Rochelle Humes join Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh for the sports-based comedy show.
10.00 **ITV News:** Weather.
10.15 **Film: Body of Lies.** (2008) A CIA agent pursuing a terrorist is caught between allegiance to his superior and the local intelligence chief. Ridley Scott's thriller, with Leonardo DiCaprio.
12.35 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** Cycling: Cicle Classic. **7.30** Motor Sport: British GT. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Superhumans Show. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot, Lingfield Park and Haydock Park. **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. **5.35** Homes by the Med. **6.30** **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales follow the ancient routes of the Vikings and travel to Stockholm, where they navigate the city's canals. They later head out into the far-flung islands of the archipelago, before paying a visit to Drottningholm Palace Theatre, where they meet Wallander actor Krister Henriksson. (R)
8.00 **Coastal Walks with My Dog.** More celebrity dog-walkers embark on jaunts along some of Britain's most scenic coastline routes, with their trusty canine companions in tow. This time, property show presenter Phil Spencer visits the White Cliffs of Dover, while adventurer Ben Fogle walks along a path with a connection of the spiritual past of North Wales. Plus, Angela Griffin takes her new puppy on an adventure near Whitby in North Yorkshire.
9.00 **Film: Prometheus.** (2012) A spacecraft is sent to another world, following clues left in ancient artefacts, in search of aliens that may have created the human race. However, the explorers on board discover the extraterrestrials may not be the benevolent creatures they imagined, while the company funding the expedition has its own agenda. Ridley Scott's sci-fi thriller and Alien prequel, starring Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender, Charlize Theron and Idris Elba.
11.25 **Film: Alien.** (1979) A cargo spacecraft is invaded by a deadly creature that begins preying on the crew. Ridley Scott's sci-fi horror, with Sigourney Weaver.
1.40 Hollyoaks. (R) **3.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.55** Four Rooms. (R) **5.50** The King of Queens. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.40** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)
6.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Stewart and Elmore are met with lies and aggression when they track down nearly £3,000 owed by a garage mechanic, while Steve and Ben encounter a retired couple who are being forced to leave their home. Stuart and Vic revisit a young debtor who owe £750 for a laptop computer, and in Oxfordshire, Paul and Steve chase £30,000 owed by a world-famous Formula One racing team. (R)
7.00 **NCIS.** The first installment of a two-part crossover with NCIS: New Orleans, in which the DC team co-operates with their Louisiana counterparts.
8.00 **NCIS: New Orleans.** The final part of a crossover with the original NCIS series. Ellie Bishop flies to New Orleans to help Pride track down the person responsible for the aircraft murders.
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **The Championship: Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the top matches from the final day of the Championship season, including Middlesbrough v Brighton & Hove Albion.
10.00 **Goal Rush: Football League Tonight.** A round-up of all the goals from the final day of the season in League Two. Plus, a look at all the talking points.
10.30 **NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes.** McGee kills an undercover police officer while on duty, and Jenny's approval of an investigation into the death places a strain on her relationship with Gibbs. (R)
11.20 **NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes.** Tony and Ziva disappear while looking for smuggled weapons at a shipyard, leaving the rest of the team struggling to find them before they come to harm. (R)
12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.00** The Tube: Going Underground. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.20** HouseBusters. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 What Do Artists Do All Day? **7.30** BBC Young Musician 2016 **9.00** Hinterland **10.30** Dancing Cheek to Cheek: An Intimate History of Dance **11.30** Glen Campbell: The Rhinestone Cowboy **12.30** An Evening with Glen Campbell **1.50** John Denver: Country Boy **2.50** Glen Campbell: The Rhinestone Cowboy **3.50** Close
ITV2
11.00 The Almost Impossible Gameshow **12.00** Scorpion **12.50** **Film:** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** **Film:** Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) **2.45** Britain's Got Talent **4.05** Britain's Got More Talent **5.05** **Film:** You've Got Mail (1998) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** **Film:** You've Got Mail (1998) **7.30** **Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **8.30** FYI Daily **8.35** **Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **9.15** Britain's Got More Talent **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.20** @elevenish
ITV3
1.55 Agatha Christie's Marple **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Lewis **12.00** Trial & Retribution **1.00** Northern Lights
ITV4
12.50 **Film:** No Name on the Bullet (1959) **1.50** FYI Daily **1.55** **Film:** No Name on the Bullet (1959) **2.25** British Superbike Championship Highlights **3.25** The Big Fish Off **4.30** **Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40** **Film:** The Dam Busters (1954) **7.00** **Film:** On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** **Film:** On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) **10.00** **Film:** Double Jeopardy (1999) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05** **Film:** Double Jeopardy (1999) **12.05** **Film:** The Big Lebowski (1998) **1.10** FYI Daily **1.15** **Film:** The Big Lebowski (1998) **2.20** Pawn Stars
E4
11.30 How I Met Your Mother **12.30** The Goldbergs **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** The Big Bang Theory **4.30** **Film:** Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** The Adjustment Bureau (2011) **11.05** Gogglebox **1.00** The Inbetweeners **2.00** Tattoo Fixers **3.00** Gogglebox **3.50** A to Z **4.10** Revenge
Film4
11.00 Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **1.00** Aliens in the Attic (2009) **2.40** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2008) **4.25** School of Rock (2003) **6.35** Star Trek (2009) **9.00** Red Eye (2005) **10.00** The Warriors (1979) **12.30** The Bunker (2015) **2.15** Apartment 143 (2011)

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CHOICE



David Attenborough

Attenborough at 90 (BBC1, 7pm)
Kirsty Young talks to David Attenborough about his life and career, discussing his travels around the world and most memorable encounters with wildlife. The programme features footage from his many natural history programmes, including scenes where unusual animal behaviour was caught on camera for the first time, and celebrates his influence on generations of viewers' understanding of the natural world. Featuring contributions from friends and colleagues including Michael Palin and Chris Packham.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 MasterChef: The Finals. (R) 1.15 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 2.45 Invisibles: The Road to the Games. (R) 3.45 Points of View. 4.00 Songs of Praise. 4.35 Attenborough & the Giant Dinosaur. (R) 5.35 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.
6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits the Dartington Estate in South Devon, where ice cream is made from goat's milk and vertical farming projects are carried out. Anita Rani investigates sheepskin and handmade soap. Adam Henson meets livestock bred for conservation, and Tom Heap reports on a controversial tradition in Malta. Plus, coverage of the Food and Farming Awards and the announcement of this year's Countryfile Farming Hero. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.00 Attenborough at 90. Kirsty Young talks to David Attenborough about his life and career. Featuring footage from his many natural history programmes and contributions from colleagues and friends.
8.00 House of Fraser British Academy Television Awards 2016. Graham Norton hosts the prestigious TV awards show from London's Royal Festival Hall. Programmes nominated this year include Wolf Hall, Humans, Adele at the BBC, Doctor Foster, I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! and First Dates, while stars up for awards include Idris Elba, Hugh Bonneville, Miranda Hart, Peter Kay, Stephen Fry and Graham himself.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton.
11.45 Film: Smart People. (2008) A misanthropic professor's self-absorption threatens his faltering relationship with a former student. Comedy drama, starring Dennis Quaid and Ellen Page.
1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge. (R) 7.15 This Farming Life. (R) 8.15 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.45 The Beechgrove Garden. (R) 9.15 Countryfile. (R) 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.45 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) 12.15 MOTD Extra. 1.00 Rowing. Live from the European Championships. 2.00 Equestrian: Badminton Horse Trials. 4.00 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.
6.30 Flog III Paul Martin, Catherine Southon and Mark Slacey head to National Museum Cardiff, where valuable finds include a set of Swansea porcelain plates and a child's tea set. (R)
7.00 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. Documentary following the Red Arrows, the RAF's aerobatics display team, through a demanding summer display season. The pilots reveal the tricks of the trade as they prepare to carry out an ambitious performance over Buckingham Palace and fly a salute to the Queen. (R)
8.00 Burma's Secret Jungle War with Joe Simpson. The first of two programmes in which the mountaineer travels to Burma to tell the story of a guerrilla campaign fought behind Japanese lines in the Second World War, which his own father was a part of. Guided by his father's old maps and diaries, he goes in search of the airstrip where the special forces soldiers arrived in the country. However, his journey is thrown into upheaval by current political events in Myanmar.
9.00 Hillsborough. Documentary exploring Britain's worst stadium disaster, in which 96 people were killed and hundreds more injured. The tragic events of April 15, 1989, are recounted in depth, with personal testimony from survivors, family members and police officers, many of whom are speaking publicly for the first time. The programme also explores the aftermath of the tragedy, looking at the 27-year campaign for justice.
11.00 Film: Robot & Frank. (2012) An elderly thief is bought a robot carer by his son, and teaches the machine to help him carry out one last heist. Sci-fi comedy drama, starring Frank Langella.
12.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.20 Holby City. (R) 2.15 This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00 CITY: Bottom Knockor Street. 6.15 Bottom Knockor Street. (R) 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) 8.00 Teen Titans Go! (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Griff's Great Britain. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 11.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.05 ITV News; Weather. 12.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 2.15 Fierce. (R) 3.20 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 4.30 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.30 Regional Programme; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 6.55 The Chase Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as Westlife's Niall Byrne, Olympian Amy Williams, Natalie Cassidy (EastEnders' Sonia Jackson) and Dave Myers of The Hairy Bikers pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.
8.00 The Durrells. The family prepares for a celebration, and Margo is determined to persuade the Countess to attend. Gerry considers releasing his animals into the wild. Last in the series.
9.00 Home Fires. The village prepares for Nick and Teresa's wedding as the Battle of Britain draws to an end, while Pat has a decision to make as Marek prepares to leave. Last in the series.
10.05 ITV News; Weather.
10.20 Her Majesty's Prison: Norwich. Documentary detailing the harsh realities of prison life at HMP Norwich, which houses more than 750 adult inmates and young offenders. (R)
11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 22nd and final round of regular-season fixtures, including Bath v Leicester Tigers, Newcastle Falcons v Sale Sharks, and Wasps v London Irish.
12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.55 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 4.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)**

CHANNEL 4

**6.15 The King of Queens. (R) 6.40 The King of Queens. (R) 7.05 The King of Queens. (R) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 IPC Swimming European Championships 2016. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R) 1.35 The Simpsons. (R) 2.05 Film: Lilo & Stitch. (2002) Disney animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Daveigh Chase. 3.50 Film: The Racers. (1977) Disney animated adventure, with Eva Gabor. 5.25 The Tiny Toes Talent Agency. 6.30 Channel 4 News. 7.00 The World's Most Famous Train. During its nine-month-long season, the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express makes over 60 journeys, covering 150,000 kilometres, with the majority of trips between London and Venice. The train is comprised of 17 unique 1920s carriages that have transported a host of elite individuals across Italy, Switzerland, and Turkey for more than a century. This documentary follows the stories of the staff and passengers as the train makes its way across Europe, with some customers having paid more than £2,000 for the privilege. (R)
8.00 Paul Merton's Secret Stations. The comedian's tour of Britain's request stop railway stations takes him to Pontardulais, a Welsh town famous for weddings, where he helps a bride to choose a dress and sings with the local male voice choir. He also gets off the train at Beasdale in the Scottish Highlands, near a famous training site for spies during the Second World War, and discovers why there is a request stop in the middle of Bristol.
9.00 Indian Summers. Charlie discovers his wife's affair, and makes plans to have Aarfin hanged for treason. The wife's affair is announced, and Ralph realises he has been the victim of a conspiracy.
10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts. (R)
12.10 Film: Extract. (2010) 1.50 Come Die with Me. (R) 4.05 Location, Location, Location. (R) 5.00 Four Rooms. (R) 5.55 Will & Grace. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.45 Ticky Tock. (R) 6.55 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.05 Pets. 7.10 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.25 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.40 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Pip Ahoy! (R) 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.45 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 8.55 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.10 Jelly Jam. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.30 The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) 11.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) 12.00 The Gadget Show. (R) 1.00 The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) 2.00 Film: Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. 3.35 Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis. 5.55 5 News Weekend. 6.00 Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An English nobleman returns home from the crusades to find his father has been murdered and the local people are repressed by the tyrannical rule of the Sheriff of Nottingham. Branded an outlaw, he recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman, Morgan Freeman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. Edited for language.
9.00 Greatest Ever 90s Movies. A countdown of some of the most memorable films from the last decade of the 20th century.
11.50 Goal Rush: League One - The Final Day. A round-up of all the goals from the final day of the season in League One. Plus, a look at all the talking points and the latest league tables.
12.35 Film: Reservoir Dogs. (1992) A failed robbery ends in a bloodbath, and as the criminals lie low they try to work out whether someone betrayed them. Quentin Tarantino's thriller, with Harvey Keitel and Tim Roth. 2.20 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming. 4.00 Great Scientists. (R) 4.50 Great Artists. A profile of English painter JMW Turner, who divided critics with his tendency toward abstraction, but is now hailed as a genius. (R) 5.20 Divine Designs. Paul Binski chronicles the history of Britain's religious art, examining the baroque churches of Great Witley and Little Stanmore, which were built by wealthy industrialists. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 A History of Ancient Britain 8.00 Forest, Field & Sky: Art Out of Nature 9.00 The Silk Road 10.00 The Sky at Night 10.30 Film: Ran (1985) 1.05 Oak Tree: Nature's Greatest Survivor 2.35 The Silk Road 3.35 Close
ITV2
11.30 Take Me Out 12.20 Catchphrase 1.00 Film: You've Got Mail (1998) 2.05 FYI Daily 2.10 Film: You've Got Mail (1998) 3.25 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) 4.30 FYI Daily 4.35 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) 5.25 Britain's Got Talent 6.50 Britain's Got More Talent 7.50 Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) 8.50 FYI Daily 8.55 Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) 10.00 Family Guy 12.00 American Dad! 12.55 The Cleveland Show 1.50 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
ITV3
12.35 Foyles War 2.40 Film: Columbo: Etude in Black (1972) 4.15 Film: City of Angels (1998) 5.15 FYI Daily 5.20 Film: City of Angels (1998) 6.30 Richard Wilson on the Road 7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs 8.30 Royal Stories 9.00 An Audience with Barry Manilow 10.00 The Blonde Bombshell 12.20 Inspector Morse 2.20 Blue Murder 3.10 May the Best House Win 4.50 On the Buses 5.15 Judge Judy
ITV4
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. Coverage of round three from Thruxton. 6.20 British Touring Cars - Crashes and Smashes 6.30 Prawn Stars - The Wine Show 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Escape from New York (1981) 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 Film: Escape from New York (1981) 11.05 Film: On Deadly Ground (1994) 12.05 FYI Daily 12.10 Film: On Deadly Ground (1994) 1.05 Fifth Gear 2.05 Hogan's Heroes 2.40 Movies Now
E4
12.30 Made in Chelsea 1.35 Joe & Caspar Hit the Road 2.35 The Big Bang Theory 5.30 Film: We Bought a Zoo (2011) 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 10.00 Tatoo Fixers 11.00 The Inbetweeners 12.05 The 100 1.05 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.00 How I Met Your Mother 2.50 Gogglebox 3.30 Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 Millions (2004) 1.00 Biggles (1986) 2.50 Krull (1983) 5.10 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) 7.00 Unstoppable (2010) 9.00 Speed (1994) 11.15 Crash (2004) 1.30 Kramer vs Kramer (1979) 3.45 Close



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FIVE MINUTES FROM MERRY HILL

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

The World Is Not Enough, ITV, 11.10pm

James Bond is assigned to protect the heiress of an oil dynasty after her father is killed in a bombing at MI6 headquarters. The attack is the work of an infamous terrorist who is unable to feel pain after surviving a gunshot to his head, and who now intends to destroy the world's supply of oil. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan. (1999)

TUESDAY

A Date to Die For, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A recent divorcee, suffering from bipolar disorder, accepts a date with a single father. The next morning, she awakens to find her date's dead body in her bed, a knife plunged in his chest. Trying to piece together her memories of the previous night, she sets out to defend her reputation and the lives of her family by locating the killer herself. Thriller, starring Victoria Pratt. (2015)



Alex Cross, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

WEDNESDAY

Left for Dead, Channel 5, 3.20pm

After being left for dead, a detective develops amnesia and remembers nothing about her life or family. As she struggles to recall her past, she discovers that the road to recovery may threaten the safety of her husband and daughter. Thriller, starring Elisabeth Rohm, Tygh Runyan and Neil Napier. (2014)

THURSDAY

Patient Killer, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A hypnotherapist specialising in dreams blames herself for failing to prevent a patient's suicide two years ago. After setting up a new practice, she wonders if history is repeating itself when a new client with a similar condition asks for her help. Psychological thriller, starring Victoria Pratt. (2015)

FRIDAY

Alex Cross, Channel 5, 10pm

A homicide cop pursues an ex-military assassin who has sadistically tortured and murdered a wealthy executive, leaving a surreal clue to the next victim. However, as the detective tries to bring the killing spree to an end, he finds his own family is also in the firing line. Crime thriller, starring Tyler Perry. (2012)

David hopes to play his new role just wright

As well as the Queen and David Attenborough's 90th birthdays, it probably hasn't escaped your notice that the BBC has recently been marking another significant date – the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare.

There have already been several programmes to mark the event across the Beeb, including last month's Shakespeare Live! From the RSC and the star-studded The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses, which began on Saturday.

We've still got Russell T Davies' take on A Midsummer Night's Dream to come (featuring Matt Lucas as Bottom, Maxine Peake as Titania and Bernard Cribbins as Snout), but for many people the most intriguing part of the season is the new sitcom Upstart Crow.

That's because it's been scripted by Ben Elton, a man with an impressive track record when it comes to historical comedy. He co-wrote three series of Blackadder, meaning he's already familiar with the Elizabethan era (and the Bard made a cameo appearance in the special Blackadder:

Back & Forth, where he was played by Colin Firth).

So, in theory Elton shouldn't have needed to do much additional research for Upstart Crow, which is set in 1592 as the playwright begins to make a name for himself in London, while trying to balance his responsibilities to his family back in Stratford-upon-Avon. However, Elton did throw himself into the period spirit, saying: "I have tried very hard to think myself into Shakespeare's creative world, writing only with a small chicken feather and not changing my underpants for a year."

Fortunately, that didn't deter an impressive cast from signing up for Upstart Crow, including Peep Show's David Mitchell, who is playing Shakespeare. But then, as he points out, it's such a rare opportunity, it must have been difficult to pass up.

Mitchell says: "I'm delighted to be playing England's greatest bard at this difficult time for bards everywhere. You just try getting work as a bard these days. It's virtually impossible."

He's joined by Harry Enfield (who

can also currently be seen as Prince Charles in Channel 4's The Windsors) and sitcom veteran Paula Wilcox as Shakespeare's parents, John and Mary. Liza Tarbuck plays his wife Anne and Raised By Wolves' Helen Monk is his daughter Susannah.

Mark Heap is also on board as the Bard's nemesis Robert Greene – aka the man who once described Shakespeare as an 'upstart crow' and gave the sitcom its title.

That points to another theme in the series – one that should make it easier for audiences to accept the most influential and iconic writer in the history of the English language as something of an underdog. As producer Gareth Edwards told The Independent: "Shakespeare is a middle-class nerd with a lot of talent trying to make his mark on a system geared to favour the titled and those with an Oxford education."

In the opening episode, his struggles also include trying to find inspiration for one of his most famous characters while dealing with an angry actor, an annoying guest, and his family's script suggestions.



David Mitchell stars in Upstart Crow, Monday, BBC2, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Invictus Games 2016

BBC1, 7.30pm

New series. Gabby Logan and Ade Adepitan present coverage from Orlando, Florida, of the second staging of the international multi-sport event for wounded, injured or sick armed forces personnel and veterans, which had its inaugural event two years ago in London. Featuring highlights of the opening ceremony, which featured appearances by patron Prince Harry and First Lady Michelle Obama, as well as performances by James Blunt, Laura Wright and Gareth Malone's Invictus Choir.

TUESDAY

Penguin A&E with Lorraine Kelly Channel 5, 9pm

It may come as a surprise to anyone whose knowledge of penguin behaviour derives from the movie Happy Feet, but not all of the birds live in a winter wonderland. One species has made its home near one of South Africa's busiest cities, Cape Town, which is every bit as dangerous as any frozen wasteland, especially when the flightless birds waddle into traffic. Now, Lorraine Kelly is heading to South Africa to meet the team who are working to save the endangered species in the continent's busiest penguin emergency department.

The hospital rescues more than 1,500 vulnerable penguins each year – which in this opening episode includes Bandit, who has been brought in with a fish hook in his stomach, and Nipper, who has been bitten by a rogue dog.

WEDNESDAY

Killer Women with Piers Morgan ITV, 9pm

Piers Morgan is taking a break from the Good Morning Britain sofa and heading back to America for this hard-hitting two part documentary, which sees him meeting some of the US's most notorious female murderers and discovering what drove them to kill. He begins his journey in Gatesville, Texas, where he speaks to Erin Caffey, who at the age of just 16 conspired with her boyfriend to kill her parents and two younger brothers, and is now due to stay behind bars until she is nearly 60. Despite being shot five times, her father, Terry, survived the tragedy that claimed the rest of his family and has made the incredible choice to forgive his daughter, visiting her in prison every month. But while Terry and Erin insist that



Killer Women with Piers Morgan, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

her boyfriend Charlie was the driving force behind the murders, Piers discovers that not everyone agrees with that version of events.

THURSDAY

Peaky Blinders

BBC2, 9pm

On the orders of the secretive Economic League, Tommy goes to London to meet the wildly eccentric and volatile Duke Leon – and when he is given his mission, he soon realises the extreme lengths his new paymasters are willing to go to in their quest for power. Back in Birmingham, John's temper gets the better of him, and a personal dispute with the Italians threatens to explode into a devastating war. Tommy struggles to regain control of the situation – only to

discover how extensive his new enemy's hold on the Peaky Blinders is. Cillian Murphy, Helen McCrory and Joe Cole star, with an appearance by Paddy Considine (The Suspicions of Mr Whicher).

FRIDAY

Revealed – The Truth About the Holy Grail Channel 5, 8pm

The legend of the Holy Grail has taken many forms throughout history, but it has always identified the Grail as the cup Jesus drank from during the Last Supper. However, the whereabouts of the cup has been a subject of intense speculation for centuries. Back in 2011, León University medieval history lecturer Margarita Torres and art historian José Manuel Ortega del Río discovered two remarkable Arab parchments at Cairo's University of al-Azhar that appeared to offer important new clues. However, in Europe alone there are 200 supposed holy grails, so is the precious goblet in León's San Isidro basilica the real one?

Mum

BBC2, 10pm

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Rotorua is a fantastic geothermal activity area, with spectacular geysers, and renowned for its Maori cultural activities. In nearby Tamaki Maori Village, visitors are able to enjoy ceremonial rituals, before enjoying a traditional Hangi buffet.

Before moving onto South Island, time is spent in the capital city of Wellington, with the opportunity to explore its vibrant waterfront and beautiful gardens.

A catamaran cruise along the shoreline of Abel Tasman National Park enables views of Split Apple Rock, a fur seal colony, whilst in Christchurch, almost destroyed by an earthquake in 2011 and has a rebuilding programme in full swing, see the Restart Mall and the controversial cardboard cathedral.

Crossing the southern alps aboard the TranzAlpine train to Arthurs Pass must rate as one of the world's greatest train journeys, with another highlight being a 20-minute helicopter flight giving breathtaking views of a glacial alpine.

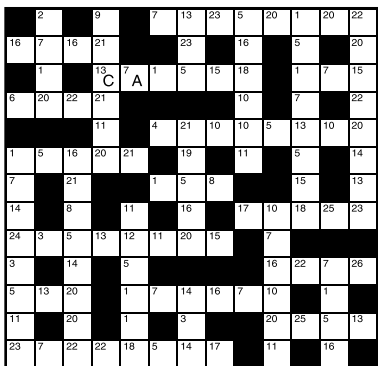
In Queenstown enjoy some free time, whilst at Cleddau Valley take a boat trip on one of the most scenic fjords in the country – Milford Sound.

To end this holiday of a lifetime is a visit to Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain.

BRAIN GYM No.376

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
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9	22
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11	24
12	25
13	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

F	X	J	R	D	L	S	K	O	G	C	I	P
B	Y	W	U	E	A	Q	T	V	N	Z	H	M

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

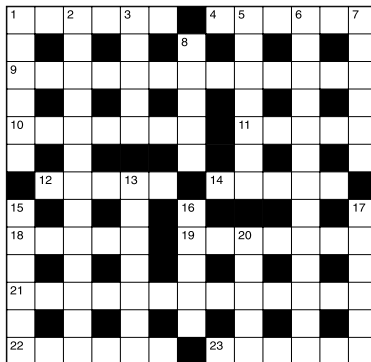
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Still, it might result in interference (6)
- Lost, as a dog may be (6)
- Single-minded concentration before starting the job (13)
- Speed too much, and go over the limit (7)
- She's back in the scene, right on cue (5)
- Rings the wrong shop about nothing (5)
- We're clean out of them! (5)
- Most air-lines provide this flight (5)
- Performer makes a start that is different (7)
- Takes the plunge without consulting the directors? (4,9)
- About eleven, the ship moves off (6)
- He shares what's left (2-4)

Down

- It may be used to weaken the spirit (6)
- A fair exchange in view? (2,3,3,2,3)
- Suffer part of the main current (5)
- One stays with it (7)
- To take up the post is to increase the risk (5,3,5)
- Northern statesman? (6)
- The poet is very ardent! (5)
- Act for each class (7)
- Habits of a wise man in America (6)
- Possibly means to provide titles (5)
- One who minds is easily hurt (6)
- Let the sailor in as well, though it's forbidden (5)



Quick Clues:

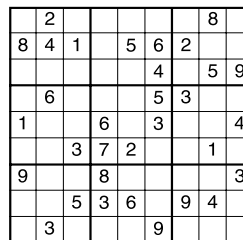
Across

- Tremble (6)
- Expurgate (6)
- Remonstrance (13)
- Wandered (7)
- Courtyard (5)
- Construct (5)
- Hold off (5)
- Automaton (5)
- Reprieve (7)
- Confusion (13)
- Threefold (6)
- Motive (6)

Down

- Feeling sick (6)
- Always calm (13)
- Attempt (5)
- Specimen (7)
- Inefficiency (13)
- Haphazard (6)
- Conduct (5)
- To the letter (7)
- Minister (6)
- Wide (5)
- Defeated (6)
- Dough (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	3	7	2	1	6	4	8	9
9	4	6	7	3	8	2	1	5
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Astonishment; 7 Slide; 8 Theta; 9 Ice; 10 Faithless; 11 Erects; 12 Polish; 15 Touch-wood; 17 Ass; 18 Redan; 19 Drone; 21 Free-thinkers. Down: 1 Architecture; 2 Nod; 3 Scenic; 4 Matchwood; 5 Niece; 6 Cat's whiskers; 7 Swede; 10 Fat chance; 13 Image; 14 Howdah; 16 Under; 20 Own. QUICK - Across: 1 Putting green; 7 Appal; 8 Litho; 9 Nip; 10 Arrogance; 11 Locate; 12 Cobweb; 15 Trappings; 17 Tor; 18 Exact; 19 Sloth; 21 Playing field. Down: 1 Plain clothes; 2 Imp; 3 Galore; 4 Religious; 5 Eaten; 6 Reverberated; 7 Aspic; 10 Antipathy; 13 Watch; 14 Unison; 16 Avail; 20 Oaf.

Quiz

- Which actress was the BBC's Girl Friday in a 1994 TV series?
- In which US state is the Grand Canyon?
- From which word are 'tsar' and 'Kaiser' derived?
- Which herb is also called milfoil?
- Which unit is defined as one nautical mile per hour?
- Which Russian writer declined the 1958 Nobel prize for literature?
- In which country are the Southern Alps, highest point Mount Cook?
- Who was World Snooker Champion six times in the 1970s?
- What is the world's southernmost active volcano?
- From which fruit is the drink Tokay made?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Tasmania; 2 Antelope; 3 St. Andrews; 4 Length; 5 Steven Spielberg; 6 Thomas Beecham; 7 Jurassic; 8 National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers; 9 Fifth column; 10 Myalgic encephalomyelitis. Niner: NEIGHBOUR

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

96729 gives a composer,
31576 gives a singing group,
356824 gives an instrument.

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It is for sale through Trinity Property at £279,500.

With double glazing, central heating and a lovely open log fire in the lounge, the accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch leading to the spacious entrance hall, with access to the lounge, a kitchen, a dining room and downstairs WC.

There is a separate office area through an archway in the lounge and the dining room has a serving hatch into the kitchen.

The 'farmhouse'-style kitchen has a range of base and wall units, a built-in cooker, a hob, a dishwasher, a fridge and an extending breakfast bar.

To the rear there is a useful utility room with access to the large garden and garage. Upstairs there are four good sized bedrooms (three doubles and a single) with an en-suite shower/WC off the master bedroom.

Aviary

There is also a house bathroom/WC with a corner bath.

Outside there is off road parking in front of the integral garage, private mature gardens surrounding the house with a bird aviary, summer house/studio and pond.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size and layout of this unique property."

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KEY FEATURES

- Sought-after village
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- Summer house/studio
- Separate office area
- Four bedrooms
- Mature gardens
- Energy rating D



LOWER GORNAL  <p>Grafton Gardens, The Straits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A well presented semi-detached Favoured 'Straits' address THREE bedrooms Open plan accommodation Lounge and office/dining room A beautiful private garden Ideal family home EPC Rating - D <p>OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £150,000</p>	DUDLEY  <p>Bradfield Way,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A MODERN townhouse Approximately 3/4 years old Under NHBC guarantee breakfast kitchen THREE bedrooms Well maintained rear garden IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY EPC Rating - B <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950</p>	TIPTON  <p>Waring Close,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A MODERN style semi In need of cosmetic updating Pleasant cul-de-sac location Lounge/diner & kitchen CONSERVATORY THREE bedrooms NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC Rating - D <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £138,500</p>	COSELEY  <p>Pickrell Road,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A beautiful family home with 3 bedrooms spacious accommodation Open plan dining kitchen Lounge and conservatory Large rear garden Good size driveway Upgraded to a high spec EPC Rating - C <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950</p>	HIGH HOLBORN, SEDGLEY  <p>Holborn House,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A most attractive duplex apartment Situated in the heart of Sedgley Town Uniquely designed layout over 2 floors Feature double height ceilings One bedroom and two bathrooms Another reception room (office/playroom) Communal ROOF TERRACE Secure parking area AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY EPC Rating - C <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950</p>	COSELEY  <p>364 Birmingham New Road,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ground floor apartment * Beautifully presented * Modern build * Dining Kitchen * TWO bedrooms * En-suite and bathroom * Ideal first time buy * EPC Rating - D <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £91,950</p>
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COSELEY  <p>SSTC</p> <p>Cedar Avenue, Bramford Estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A semi-detached family home Well presented accommodation Extended Kitchen to the rear THREE bedrooms Lounge and Dining Room Well presented rear garden Upvc double glazed & Centrally heated NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £147,000</p>	SEDGLEY  <p>SSTC</p> <p>Kings Road,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A spacious end terrace property BEAUTIFULLY presented Lounge and dining room TWO double bedrooms Upstairs modern bathroom Well presented good size garden AN IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY Must be viewed to appreciate EPC Rating - E <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950</p>	COSELEY  <p>SSTC</p> <p>Catherine Road, Hurst Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A semi-detached family home Popular area in HURST HILL In need of cosmetic updating Garage conversion FOUR bedrooms Wet room & house bathroom EPC Rating - D <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £117,000</p>	RIPLEY GROVE, UPPER GORNAL  <p>SSTC</p> <p>St. James Court,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ground floor APARTMENT Centrally located for Sedgley Lounge/kitchen TWO bedrooms One car parking space Communal gardens Secure entry system EPC Rating - B <p>£525 PCM</p>	SEDGLEY  <p>SSTC</p> <p>Tudor Vale,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOLD IN 4 DAYS! A beautifully presented semi EXTENDED accommodation Breakfast Kitchen Quiet cul-de-sac location THREE bedrooms A modern bathroom Garage and driveway EPC - D <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950</p>	UPPER GORNAL  <p>SSTC</p> <p>Eve Lane,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traditional semi detached Central for Sedgley & Gornal Lounge and dining room Brand New Kitchen & bathroom THREE bedrooms Large driveway Private/good size garden EPC - D <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950</p>

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UPPER GORNAL, Board School Gardens

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SEDGLEY, High Arcal , Fir Tree Drive
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COSELEY, Denise Drive
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Offers in the Region of £155,000



KINGSWINFORD, Birchwood Walk
Pleasantly located upon highly sought after 'Blandford Mere', this SUBSTANTIALLY ENLARGED & IMPROVED SEMI DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW offers an unbelievably spacious layout which requires some updating, plus a good sized garden with REAR GARAGE. EPC E

£147,950



PENSNETT, Swan Street
This STYLISH & BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED, SEMI-DETACHED HOME comprises: Hall, STYLISH & BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED THROUGH LOUNGE, Kitchen, Three Family Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom, Block Paved Driveway, Tandem Garage & Pleasant Rear Garden. EPC: D

£144,950



SWINDON, Winston Road
Nestled within the heart of sought after Swindon Village, close to friendly village shops and delightful canal side walks, this ATTRACTIVE MID MEWS offers WELL APPOINTED accommodation which includes TWO BEDROOMS. With LONG BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and an enclosed rear garden EPC D

New price

£144,950



PENSNETT, School Street
This MODERN STYLE, THREE BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED PROPERTY would make a SUPERB FAMILY HOME & comprises: Hall, Lounge, Spacious Breakfast Kitchen, Guests W.C, Three Family Bedrooms, White Suite Bathroom, Driveway, Garage, Fantastic Garden. EPC C

£139,950



BRIERLEY HILL, Terrace Street
This DELIGHTFULLY DECORATED, END TERRACE HOME would make a lovely FIRST TIME BUY & is available for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN, Encompassing: Hall, Stylish Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Contemporary Bathroom, Pleasant Garden. EPC D

£134,950



UPPER GORNAL, Greenhill Road
Spacious, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed, semi detached. Accommodation includes; reception hall, through living/dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, toilet. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom with stylish white suite. Potential garage (kerb not dropped) good sized secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £134,950



LOWER GORNAL, Sandstone Close
Exceptionally well presented residence situated in this well sought after area of Lower Gornal with OPEN ASPECT VIEWS to rear. This family home, ideal for first-time buyers benefits from living room, kitchen-diner, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, rear garden and drive to front. Viewing essential to fully appreciate this fantastic property. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

New price WAS £129,950...NOW £125,000



COSELEY, Birmingham New Road
A much improved and attractively presented semi-detached property which is ideal for a first time buyer. This property boasts; TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, living room, kitchen-diner, family bathroom, central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden and driveway to front. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £114,950



QUARRY BANK, Turner Drive
Enjoying a pleasant position within this popular location, this WELL PRESENTED AND EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED, TWO BEDROOM HOME, briefly comprises: Porch, Kitchen, Sitting Room, Delightful Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and Rear Garden. EPC D

£102,500



WOLVERHAMPTON, Parkfields , Lawnswood Road
SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL - A gas centrally heated part double glazed semi detached for improvement in an established/ convenient district. There is no upward chain and the accommodation includes porch, hall, lounge, pantry, dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom, separate WC. Sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating TBC. SEDGLEY. ●●●BEST and MAXIMUM OFFERS TO BE RECEIVED BY 12.00 Noon ON MONDAY 9th MAY 2016●●●

Offers in the region of £100,000



LANESFIELD, Mount Road
NO UPWARD CHAIN, A good-sized semi-detached property that offers plenty of potential. Situated in a popular area of Lanesfield, Wolverhampton, this family home benefits from; entrance hall, living room, kitchen-diner, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, enclosed rear garden, garden to front. Mining Search Available. EPC: F SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £96,950



QUARRY BANK, New Street
This PLEASANTLY RE-DECORATED, PERIOD STYLE, END TERRACE HOME encompasses a DOUBLE GLAZED & GAS CENTRALLY HEATED LAYOUT which comprises: Hall, Two Spacious Reception Rooms, Well Fitted Kitchen, White Suite Bathroom, Two Large Bedrooms. EPC:

£89,950



LOWER GORNAL , Park Road
Set in a well regarded district convenient for many amenities, this Freehold, Gas centrally heated, Upvc double glazed, semi detached has further potential. This home comprises: hall, lounge with feature stone fireplace with 'Living Flame' gas fire, store, kitchen with integrated gas hob and electric oven, dining room (with patio doors). Two double bedrooms, bathroom. OUTSIDE: Through Lobby with plumbing for washing machine, separate toilet. Secluded rear garden. EPC: D. SEDGLEY

Offers in the region of £89,950



NETHERTON, St. Georges Road
This SEMI-DETACHED HOME offers a fantastic opportunity to purchase your FIRST HOME or acquire a BUY-TO-LET INVESTMENT. Comprising: Hall, Lounge being open plan to Kitchen Diner, GENEROUS DOUBLE BEDROOM, Bathroom, Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN! EPC: D

New price

£67,500



BRIERLEY HILL, Lindsey Place
This MOST APPEALING, FIRST FLOOR FLAT should appeal to FIRST TIME BUYERS, BUY-TO-LET INVESTORS and DOWNSIZERS. Comprising: Spacious Lounge, Well Fitted Kitchen, Generous Double Bedroom, Bathroom, Communal Gardens & Parking. EPC D

£44,950



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3 Bed Blakeley Walk, NETHERTON



NEW



Situated in this ever popular address is this spacious, three bedroom semi detached family home. The accommodation comprises of an; Entrance porch, lounge, dining kitchen, first floor landing, three bedrooms and bathroom. Externally there are gardens to the front and rear and a detached garage. Available with no upward chain, an early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC: D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£127,950

3 Bed Timbertree Crescent, CRADLEY HEATH



NEW

EPC: F

This well presented and spacious three bedroom semi detached property is situated in this popular area and has accommodation comprising of; entrance hall, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and house bathroom. An ideal first time buy being offered with No Upward Chain.

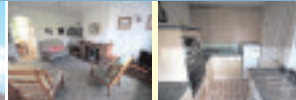
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Offers Around
£129,950

3 Bed Foxhills Park, NETHERTON



NEW



Situated towards the head of this popular cul-de-sac location within this highly sought after area this well presented three bedroom family home boasts lovely bright and airy accommodation that comprises of; an entrance porch, large lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, sun room/conservatory, garage, first floor landing, three well proportioned bedrooms and modern re-fitted bathroom. Externally there is a pleasant garden and block paved driveway to the front and to the rear is a private tiered well established garden. An early viewing will be essential to avoid disappointment.

EPC: D

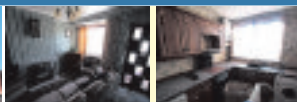
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2 Bed Cradley Road, NETHERTON



NEW



Requiring some sympathetic modernisation this two bedroom semi detached home is situated in a convenient location near to both Cradley Heath and Netherton centres. Offering great opportunity for further improvements the accommodation currently consists of a porch, lounge, kitchen, rear lobby, ground floor bathroom, two bedrooms on the first floor. Outside there is a driveway to the front and a paved rear garden. Available with no upward chain.

EPC: F

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Offers Around
£89,950

Wolverhampton Street, DUDLEY



NEW

COMMERCIAL PREMISES EPC: F

A unique opportunity to acquire this freehold premises in the centre of Dudley. The building comprises of a ground floor lock up shop that has recently been used as a food take away business and on the first floor is a self contained one bedroom flat. The property is also available to let for £12,000 per annum.

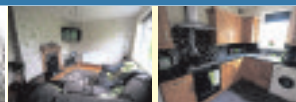
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Offers Around
£150,000

2 Bed Swanfield Road, WORDSWORTH



NEW



This immaculately presented two bedroom semi detached home is finished to a high standard throughout and is situated in a pleasant position within this popular area. The accommodation comprises of a spacious lounge with working open fire and surround, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, up stairs there are two really good sized bedrooms and the re-fitted bathroom. Externally there are attractive gardens to the front and rear.

EPC: C

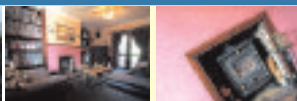
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Offers Around
£119,950

4 Bed Springfield Road, BRIERLEY HILL



SOLD STC



This FOUR bedroom semi detached family home is a true GEM! With double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation to comprise; Hallway, dual aspect lounge with French doors leading to garden and 'dual fuel' burner, dining kitchen with integrated fridge and freezer, downstairs cloakroom/WC and Sun room to the rear. On the first floor there are four good size bedrooms and a family bathroom. Externally the property benefits from having off road parking to the fore, a patio and lawn to the rear which has a garage sized storage shed. This property will be snapped up so call now to book your appointment to view. 01384 444 645

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Offers Around
£114,950

3 Bed Elmhurst Drive, KINGSWINFORD



SOLD STC

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED EPC:TBC

This three bedroom end of terrace family home occupies a much larger than average plot which has potential for a large extension or possibly even a separate dwelling (subject to planning consents). Accommodation comprises; entrance hall, kitchen, lounge with dining area, three bedrooms and bathroom. In addition to the large rear and side garden there is a DETACHED GARAGE AND PARKING. Located in a popular area near to local amenities and schools, this property requires an early viewing so as to not miss out NO ONWARD CHAIN.

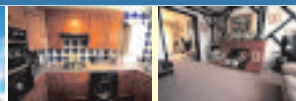
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3 Bed Bratch Close, NETHERTON



NEW



This delightful, well presented three bedroom semi detached family home occupies an enviable position on this highly sought after cul-de-sac, and is not overlooked from the rear. The deceptively spacious accommodation comprises of; porch, entrance hall, lounge, open plan dining kitchen, first floor landing, three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside there is a front garden with block paved drive, which leads to a carport and brick built outbuilding (formerly a garage) beyond and low maintenance rear garden. Don't miss out on this opportunity, view early. FREEHOLD UPON COMPLETION.

EPC: D

Netherton Office

Offers Around
£159,950

4 Bed Maple Close, KINVER



NEW PRICE



This successfully extended detached four bedroom family home has been beautifully refurbished to high standards with excellent attention to detail and some lovely finishing touches, including granite work surfaces, oak trims and neatly placed lighting. This spacious accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, guest WC, lounge open through to the open plan kitchen and dining room complete with stylish island unit, integrated appliances and bi-fold doors across the full width of the room, utility room, first floor landing, three double bedrooms all with fitted wardrobes and the modern house bathroom with free standing bath and separate shower cubicle, on the top floor is the master suite with tonnes of built in storage and an en-suite shower room. This property really must be viewed to be appreciated.

EPC: D

Stourbridge Office

Offers Around
£320,000

3 Bed Park Road, QUARRY BANK



SOLD STC

SIMILAR PROPERTIES REQUIRED EPC: F

This beautifully refurbished and redecorated three bedroom family home is finished to a high standard with brand new flooring throughout and brand new kitchen and bathroom. The accommodation briefly comprises of; porch, entrance hall, lounge, open plan dining room and kitchen with French doors leading to the garden, first floor landing, three great sized bedrooms and family bathroom. There is a driveway to the front and to the rear is great size garden with brick built out house. Available with NO ONWARD CHAIN.

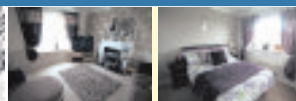
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Offers Around
£134,950

3 Bed Marion Close, BRIERLEY HILL



NEW



This immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached family home is perfectly situated for easy access to Merry Hill being within sensible walking distance of the popular shopping centre. The smartly presented accommodation is finished to a high standard and comprises of; entrance porch, open plan lounge and dining room, large conservatory, fitted kitchen, garage with utility area, first floor landing, three well proportioned bedrooms and bathroom. Externally there is an attractive garden and driveway to the front and to the rear is a larger than expected attractively landscaped garden. Viewing highly recommended.

EPC:TBC

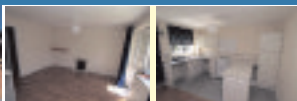
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1 Bed Dadford View, BRIERLEY HILL



NEW PRICE



This well presented one bedroom ground floor flat in this popular and convenient development is worthy of an early viewing to avoid disappointment. Benefiting double glazing, with accommodation to briefly comprise; Open plan lounge and kitchen, bedroom, bathroom. There is allocated parking. The town of Brierley Hill is a short walk away and The Merry Hill Shopping Centre is a short drive. Viewing Recommended. This would make an ideal Buy to Let Investment or First Time Purchase. The property is available with no upward chain and suitable for first time buyers or investors, with an expected annual income of £4,560. Call the Stourbridge office to book your viewing now!

EPC: E

Stourbridge Office

Offers Around
£59,000

2 Bed Devon Road, WOLLASTON



SOLD STC

SOLD IN 1 WEEK! EPC:TBC

This well presented two bedroom end terrace property is situated on a wide plot with a driveway that runs down the side of the house to the back garden, creating off road parking for a large number of vehicles. In a convenient and popular Wollaston location this great property has accommodation that comprises of; entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, first floor landing, two great size bedrooms and house bathroom.

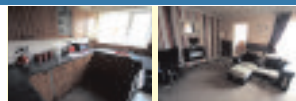
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Offers Around
£119,950

3 Bed Griffin Street, NETHERTON



NEW PRICE



A surprisingly spacious modern three bedroom semi detached home within walking distance of the local shops and services found in Netherton. The well presented accommodation comprises of; Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lean to, three bedrooms, shower room and an attic room. Externally there is a garage, a driveway providing off road parking and a rear garden. An internal inspection is essential to fully appreciate this property. Available with no onward chain.

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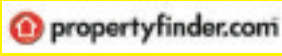
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£142,500

**TIPTON
Waterloo Street East**



A three bedroom Linked-detached house with kitchen & Lounge. The first floor landing has a door to an airing cupboard and loft space, further doors to three good sized bedrooms, and House bathroom with shower and separate WC. NO UPWARD CHAIN. VIEWINGS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. EPC D.

£149,950

**DUDLEY
The Broadway**



A three bedroom semi-detached house in a popular location. Having double glazing and central heating. A driveway and garage to the front of the property, the front door leads to an entrance lobby and entrance hall, having stairs to the first floor landing and doors leading to lounge, downstairs WC, dining room and kitchen. Further doors leading to the rear garden and garage. On the first floor landing there are doors to three good sized bedrooms and the house bathroom. The rear garden has a patio area with steps leading up to a lawn area. EPC B/C.

£159,500

**NETHERTON
Cradley Road**



A three bedroom semi-detached family home. Set back from the main road, the front drive with space for two cars leads to the front entrance hall: having doors leading to the down stairs WC, modern fitted kitchen/diner and lounge with patio doors leading to the rear garden. Stairs lead to the first floor landing with a door to an airing cupboard and further doors to three good sized bedrooms, and House bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. NO UPWARD CHAIN. VIEWINGS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. EPC C.

£157,950

**LOWER GORNAL
Water Road**



A splendid, detached, large dormer bungalow set in a Cul de sac location in the sought-after Gornal Village. Spacious lounge, separate dining room. Fitted kitchen. Four good sized bedrooms (three doubles and one single), the master bedroom has an en-suite shower/WC room off. There is also a house bathroom/WC. Outside there is off road parking to the front, large garage and a private rear garden which comprises a bird aviary, summer house/studio and mature pond. Freehold, viewing is highly recommended. EPC B/C.

£279,500

**BRIERLEY HILL
Terrace Street**



A splendid, modern 5 bedroom detached, family home. With large lounge dining room and a spacious modern fitted kitchen. Five good sized bedrooms, four double and one single, the master bedroom has an en-suite shower/WC room off. There is also a large house bathroom/WC with bath and separate shower. The property is fitted with a Fire Sprinkler System throughout for your protection (see <http://www.dudley-sprinkler.com> for more information). Domestic-residential-sprinkler info. Armed. Freehold, viewing is highly recommended. EPC B.

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**NETHERTON
William Street**



A lovely two bed mid terrace house within walking distance of Brierley Hill Town centre and the Merry Hill Centre. With double glazing and central heating, the property has two good sized reception rooms with a modern fitted kitchen to the rear and a shower/WC on the ground floor, upstairs there are two spacious double bedrooms. Outside there is a patio area leading to a lawn area (left path centrally) leading to a further paved area, with side access through a shared alleyway to the front. No upward chain, viewing recommended EPC B/C.

£89,900

**DUDLEY
Wrens Nest Road**



A modern, mid terrace three bed townhouse (three stories) with off road gated parking to the rear. Having double glazing and central heating, the ground floor has a fitted kitchen, WC and lounge to the rear with access to the rear garden, the first floor has a double bedroom to the rear and a single to the front, along with a house bathroom/WC, and the second floor has the master bedroom with dressing area leading to an en-suite shower/WC. There is a small garden to the rear. Unfurnished, no pets, no smokers. Available now for long term let. EPC C.

£124,995

**TIPTON, NAY COURT
Bradley Street**



A pleasant, one bedroom first floor apartment in a very convenient location, just off the Birmingham New road. Off road parking and communal gardens, secure entry. Having UPVC double glazing and electric heating, the apartment has a lovely lounge to the front with feature window, a large (double) bedroom with walk in wardrobe off, a fitted kitchen and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. No upward chain, highly recommended for viewing. EPC D.

£57,950

**NETHERTON
Quayside Walk**



A very well presented modern first floor two bed apartment with stunning views over the canal. A short drive to the Merry Hill centre and walking distance of Netherton. Having double glazing and electric heating, with a spacious entrance hall leading to lounge with fitted kitchen off, two good sized double bedrooms, master with en-suite shower/WC off, and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Off road allocated parking, views to rear (see pictures). Leasehold, no upward chain, available to view now. EPC C.

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**SEDGLEY
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An OUTSTANDING and delightful mid terrace style cottage which offers original character features. Having two bedrooms and walking distance to Sedgley Village. Being tastefully decorated and presented to a high standard. EPC-D

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**GORNAL
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**DUDLEY
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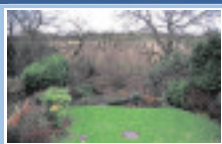
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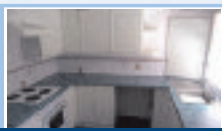
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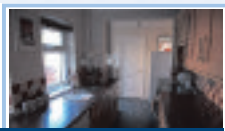
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Honda Motability offers

By James Parker

With an excellent range that includes best-sellers like the new Honda Jazz, new Civic hatchback and Tourer estate plus the CR-V SUV, Honda is able to offer Motability considerable choice and variety.

It's also worth noting that two cars in the range – the Civic and CR-V – are both currently built here in Britain!

Last year, What Car? Magazine's journalists voted Honda as the most reliable car brand for the ninth year in a row.

All this information combines to make Honda a 'go to' brand for many Motability customers, especially as this esteemed manufacturer is able to offer a number of enticing deals.

Let's take a look at those Honda Motabil-

ity offers currently available at your Honda dealer.

New Honda Jazz

We start with the talented Jazz where selected models in the excellent new Honda Jazz supermini range are now available with NIL Motability Advanced Payment, including the Jazz 1.3 i-VTEC S Automatic and even better equipped Jazz 1.3 i-VTEC SE Automatic.

All other Jazz models are also available under the scheme for low Advanced Payments.

Honda Civic

Need more room? All of the Civic five-door range is available to Motability customers, including petrol and diesel versions and the sleek Civic Tourer model.

Outstanding Motability offers across the Civic range include the NIL Advanced Payment on the Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S five-door, Civic 1.4 i-VTEC SE Plus five-door and the Civic 1.4 i-VTEC SE Plus five-door with Sat Nav. The Civic 1.8 i-VTEC S Automatic is also



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available with a Low Advanced Payment of £99. All these Civics are petrol-powered.

Go diesel and there's the Civic 1.6 i-DTEC S five-door available for a Motability Advanced Payment of only £99. What's more, you'll be gaining one of the most advanced, refined and efficient diesels around.

Opt for the stylish Civic Tourer and there's nil advanced payment on the Civic Tourer 1.8 i-VTEC S Automatic while the Civic Tourer 2.0 i-VTEC S 2WD is currently being offered for the low advanced pay-

ment of £299. The Civic Tourer 1.6 i-DTEC S with that excellent diesel powerplant is also available for an Advanced Payment of £299.

Honda CR-V

And then there's the CR-V, Honda's exceptionally talented SUV for Motability customers to consider, especially as the CR-V 2.0i-VTEC S 2WD is currently being offered for an advanced payment of £299. The diesel-powered CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC S 2WD is also available for an advanced payment of £699.





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Skoda scoring well with drivers

SKODA's models continue to drive home their reliability, quality, cost, practicality and comfort credentials in the annual Auto Express Driver Power survey.

The 2016 questionnaire received more than 49,000 responses, covering 32 manufacturers and 183 models, with Skoda models featuring heavily in the top 25 overall positions. Along with a number of wins and podium places in various classes and categories, the brand was voted third best in the UK to own, improving on last year's result with an overall score of 90.45 per cent.

Central to the manufacturer's success was its best-selling Octavia model which triumphed in the Compact

Family Car class. The 1st place category result, which was also the 7th most highly-rated car overall, saw the family model, with prices starting from £16,515, record a score of 92.52 per cent.

Owners were particularly impressed with the model's practicality, cementing 3rd place in this specific category, confirming its usefulness as a tool for transporting families safely, in comfort and with space to spare. They also recommended its in-car tech (9th overall) and praised its low running costs, reliability and performance.

Praise for Skoda continued in the Supermini class with two models featuring in the top 5 positions; the Citigo placing second and the Fabia posting

a 4th place finish. With a 91.94 per cent rating the smallest car in the Skoda range finished 11th in the whole survey, and the slightly larger Fabia returned a score of 91.29 per cent for a 22nd place result.

Another silver medal was awarded to the previous generation Skoda Superb, which beat 163 other vehicles to finish 2nd in the Family Car category with a score of 91.46 per cent. And the venerable Yeti continued the brand's trend for high scores, thanks to its 91.58 per cent rating in the toughly contested Offroad/SUV category and 16th overall placement.

The Skoda range starts at £8,275 for the Citigo supermini. For more information, visit www.skoda.co.uk

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Evoque is a stunner when roof is lowered

By Ian Donaldson

ANYONE lusting after a new Evoque Convertible – and lots do already – will dismiss the next paragraph as laughably irrelevant, but here goes anyway.

The new car costs thousands more than its fixed roof sibling, uses more fuel, emits more pollution, is slower, heavier, less roomy for people and luggage and will cost more to insure and tax.

If your inner accountant says that's a unanimous guilty verdict against the soft top then you clearly don't inhabit the same chilled chardonnay, Jimmy Choo world of a likely Evoque Convertible owner.

The sort of person who owns (or who dreams of owning) a pad in Sandbanks, the spit of Dorset sand with the fourth dearest real estate values in the world and where Range Rover took us to try the new roofless Evoque.

Hood down on a chill spring morning, the car drew the sort of admiring glances you might expect if Princess Kate and Angelina Jolie cycled past on a tandem.

Two ladies-who-lunch stopped to peer into the car and were impressed.

Asked to guess its price they confidently thought 'seventy or eighty'. That's thousands, of course, and they were thousands out – on the wrong side. Suddenly, asking fifty grand for the car we were driving (the Convertible starts from £47,500) begins to look a bit of a bargain in a world where want wins over need every time.

If you have that sort of disposable income (and Range Rover thinks enough of us to turn a tidy profit) then what the car says about you is almost all that matters – mere facts can join last year's platinum card statements in the shredder. And with the sun shining, heated seats on max and the wind deflector in place, there really was nowhere nicer to spend a south coast spring morning than behind the wheel of a new Evoque Convertible.

Even a flurry of sleet (yes, were talking about a British spring day) failed to dampen proceedings, simply flying over the car as we sped to lunch in a trendy cliff top restaurant (of course).

Showstopper

Later, at a 70mph cruise back to our hotel, driver and passenger could talk without raising voices and enjoy the lack of breeze in the cockpit, happy in the knowledge that if the heavens opened the huge fabric roof would whirr into place in 21 seconds and at up to 30mph on the move – a bit of a showstopper, that.

It actually folds even faster (18 seconds for the factually minded) and renders the car as sung and quiet as the tin-topped version when in place.

Fitting it to an Evoque, though, has consequences. As well as adding the weight of three large men to the car because of bracing needed to compensate for cutting off the roof, it needs somewhere to live when folded. That eats into boot space – almost halved over the fixed roof model and accessed by more of a hinged flap than proper boot lid – but rear seat legroom shrinks to growing child proportions only.

Neither demerit will matter a jot of course to a potential Evoque Convertible buyer, of course, who will argue that there's still enough space for a weekend's worth of luggage and the kids will fit nicely for the school run. Both of which are true.

They won't worry about the blunted performance or economy either, even it makes the car change down in the smooth nine-speed automatic gearbox more than you expect when asked to press on. A little restraint showed better than 40mpg on the test run and an average of 34mpg when used with a bit of enthusiasm. So, no deal breaker.

The huge majority of UK buyers will take the 2.0 litre, 178bhp diesel fitted to the test car but there's a more powerful 237bhp 2.0 litre petrol version available too, from £48,200.

Clearly aimed at the peak of the Evoque mountain, the new Convertible comes in two trim levels – plush and even plusher.

Standard kit on the HSE Dynamic includes big 20ins alloy wheels, heated front screen, rear view camera, smart leather upholstery with electrically adjustable front seats, 10 speaker sound system and a superb touch screen with excellent sat nav and mobile phone connectivity.

Meanly, you'll need another £260 for the wind deflector. That comes as standard with the LUX trim (from £51,700) that also adds an ever better sound system, ski hatch for the rear seat, auto dipping headlights and cameras that show you the ground all around the car.

Both versions have all-wheel drive and will easily cope with the sort of terrain no sane Evoque Convertible owner would ever subject their car too – far too likely to scratch it.

Better to use those clever cameras to ease the car into a parking space outside that trendy little boutique you've been yearning to visit.

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Orders now being taken for new VW Tiguan SUV

By David Banner

The first versions of the dynamic new Tiguan SUV today open for order at Volkswagen UK Retailers nationwide.

Designed and engineered to redefine the compact SUV segment new Tiguan introduces class-leading levels of interior space, practicality and safety while debuting cutting-edge technology and connectivity.

New from the ground up, today's Tiguan brings previously unseen levels of quality and refinement to its sector with a premium look and feel that belie its price. The first new Volkswagen SUV to sit on the innovative and flexible MQB platform – which also underpins the class-leading Volkswagen Golf – the new car signals the start of a comprehensive SUV offensive which will see the brand represented in all core SUV segments over time.

By virtue of its cutting edge MQB underpinnings the new Tiguan debuts exceptional levels of safety and connectivity. Standard from entry will be a raft of valuable safety features such as front assist; city emergency braking and pedestrian monitoring, while hi-tech features available for the first time in a Tiguan include active info display; head-up display; area view and trailer assist.

Perfectly proportioned, and shaped to develop the character of the original best-selling Tiguan, the new car balances clean lines with a powerful, dynamic stance. The SUV design language is taken up consistently inside new Tiguan, too. The cockpit, for example, is now aligned towards the driver for better comfort and without constricting the airy impression of the interior. At the same time, the wider centre console display of SUVs is paired with the new 4MOTION Active Control rotary switch to create a defining interior element with a premium feel. Ambient lighting generates a sophisticated overall impression, completed by the optional panoramic roof – standard from SEL trim upwards – and details such as the elegant door handles and smart trim strips.

Utility

This generously-proportioned interior offers more head room and knee room than previously – up by 29 mm in the case of knee room – and when the rear bench is folded the cargo space, at 1,655 litres, is 145 litres larger than before. Meanwhile a lower load sill improves ease of use and underscores the Tiguan's everyday utility, while an optimised body structure and improved aerodynamics add to occupant comfort via reduced cabin noise.

The car also offers a sliding rear bench seat that has been optimised to permit up to 180 mm of adjustment – 20 mm more than in the previous model. When the rear bench is slid forwards, the boot provides 615 litres of space – a gain of 145 litres. Highlighting the new Volkswagen's practicality is a towing capacity of up to 2,500 kg (depending on model and drivetrain) which is unique in this class of compact SUVs.

The extended engine range of the new Tiguan gives customers the greatest possible range of choices for power, style and comfort. A broad line-up has been created to appeal to the widest possible customer base.

In the UK the car will over time be offered with up to three new petrol engines, with power outputs from 125 PS to 180 PS, and four new diesel engines ranging from 115 PS to 240 PS. All EU6-compliant, they are more powerful and more fuel-efficient than the comparable EU5 engines of the previous model. The diesel engines feature SCR catalytic converter technology, using the now familiar AdBlue additive.

As order books open, the high-volume diesel will be available as a 2.0 TDI 150 PS with 4MOTION all-wheel drive and a seven-speed dual clutch gearbox (DSG) or six-speed manual transmission; or with front-wheel drive and a manual gearbox. In addition the 2.0 TSI with 180 PS, 4MOTION and DSG is also on offer from today. These engines are expected to account for around three quarters of UK sales. Extended engine, drive and gearbox options will be available in two further order waves which open on May 5 and June 2.

The first wave of engines in the UK offer 0-62 mph times of between 7.7 seconds (2.0 TSI 180 PS) to 9.3 seconds (2.0 TDI 150 PS), with top speeds, where legal, ranging from 129 mph to 124 mph. For the first wave of engines, CO2 emissions are calculated at between 125 g/km (2.0 TDI 150 PS front-wheel drive with six-speed manual gearbox), to 170 g/km (2.0 TSI 180 PS 4MOTION with seven-speed DSG).

Fuel economy for the launch engines, on the official EU combined cycle, ranges from 58.9 mpg (2.0 TDI 150 PS front wheel drive six-speed manual) to 38.2mpg (2.0 TSI 180 PS 4MOTION with seven-speed DSG).

There's a raft of active and passive safety measures delivered by virtue of the use of the MQB platform. Front assist with city emergency braking and pedestrian monitoring; active bonnet; automatic post-collision braking and lane assist are fitted as standard (in Europe).

The new range is expected to be priced from around £22,500 when all versions are available, and deliveries of the first customer cars are expected this summer.



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5 Business & Farming

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6 Property

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8 Motoring

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attractive and very much single,
WLTm fun loving guy 40-60yrs
who loves food, wine, cosy
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old female, no baggage, seeks
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Plenty of help – volunteers at Springhill



Painting the gates, Harry Baddams, Tommy Cox and Harry Davenport



Volunteers working hard at Codsall Cricket Club

The covers are off as clubs feel the Force

CRICKET clubs across the Black Country and Staffordshire have been sprucing up their grounds ahead of the new season.

Old Hill, Cannock, Himley, Springhill and Codsall were just a few of the clubs hard at work recently, in line with NatWest's Cricket Force initiative.

With the help of volunteers from the bank, members of the various clubs spent hours of their spare time painting fences, scrubbing sight screens and erecting boundary fencing.

Those from Old Hill Cricket Club, based in Cradley Heath, touched up the entrance gates, decorated the changing rooms and outside benches, and improved the pitch.

Funding

Volunteers at Springhill Cricket Club spent their weekend constructing new training nets for the forthcoming season, as well as working on the patio of the new pavilion, which cost an approximate total of £180,000.

Codsall CC received £300 of funding from the English Cricket Board, via the Jewson Privilege Scheme, which went towards buying tools and equipment to create an outdoor compound where equipment can now be kept.

The club was also recently awarded a grant by Midcounties Co-operative to buy new mobile nets, and it is hoped the improvements made to the ground will ensure there is secure space for them. The aim of the Cricket Force scheme

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Edwards

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is to bring clubs and their communities closer, and Vicky Green, Codsall CC chair, said: "Cricket force is a great weekend that brings all the club together."

"We dig and build, clean and scrub. It's a real team effort and we had a lots of fun."

Grateful

"Even young children got involved doing up noticeboards and clearing out the changing rooms."

"We are so grateful to all our volunteers and the support of the ECB, NatWest, Staffordshire Cricket Board, Jewson's Builders Merchants and Midcounties Co-operative who helped us make a massive difference to the ground and its facilities."

"It's hard going finding money to support community groups like ours, so we are very lucky that large organisations like these are giving back to the little guys."



Making tea for the workers Judy Cox with Tommy Cox in the changing rooms

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Boxers vie for Schools' area deciders

WEST Midlands boxers fight for their area deciders in the England Schools Championships this weekend. The area finals take place on Sunday at the Newdigate Social Club in Bedworth.

Three divisions are separated by age ranging from the 'minors' (fighters born 2004), Class A (2003) and Class B (2002). Bouts are over three one-and-a-half minute rounds. Box-offs whittle down the entrants when there are more than two at the weight.

In the first regional round at Donnington in Shropshire, at Class A at 34kg, Wednesbury's Brindley Smith defeated Connor Jones, from Priory Park, Dudley. In a box-off at the Irish Centre in Birmingham, Smith beat Great Wyrley's Bradley Jukes.

Kyle Chumber of Merridale thwarted Kane Reynolds at 37kg and then beat Layton Butler in a box-off. He next has Ahmed Baker, from Small Heath.

Club-mate Haaver Tazeem will take on Alfie Satchwell, from Bell Green in Coventry at 39.5kg. At 40kg, Merridale's Arman Aziz will fight Bell Green's Dhirren Kumar.

Walsall Wood's Hamza Uddin (31kg) and John Boy Williamson (46kg) have byes to the nationals, along with Wednesbury's Gurpreet Mann (32.5kg) and Merridale duo Awaiz Ali (41.5kg) and Imaan Khan (48kg).

Pleck's Haider Hanif goes toe-to-toe at 43k in Class B with Davien Daniels, from Eastside in Birmingham. Gulraj Powar, from Richie Carter's Golden Gloves in Wolverhampton, faces Cameron Ward, from Exhall in Coventry at 52kg.

Wodensborough's Cole Lee has the Jewellery Quarter's Mason Passey at 59kg. There are byes to the national stages for Wednesbury's Jagbir Mann (40kg) and, at 40kg, for Right Stuff in Stafford's Chloe Bastock.

Club's runners pay tribute after tragic marathon death

AFTER the tragic events at the London Marathon that saw Captain David Seath collapse with 3.2 miles of the race remaining after suffering a fatal heart attack, DK runners wished to make their own tribute.

After holding a minute's silence a large group set off from Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club on Thursday evening to run that final 3.2 miles in his memory and collect donations for Help for Heroes. Despite torrential rain the blue hoops were able to raise almost £400 and are still taking donations.

The Bank Holiday weekend was a relatively quiet one, but a couple of club members took part in the Birmingham 10k, starting at Millennium Point and venturing out of the city along the Pershore Road, around Edgbaston cricket ground and back to finish on Broad Street. John Andrews finished in 58th place in 47.21 and Bob Jones stopped the clock in 49.31 to take 89th place.

Elsewhere Dave Ede put months of injury behind him and returned to the land on his birth to take 603rd place in the Sunderland 10k, finishing in 53.53.

Karate club celebrates medal haul



The Dudley Shukokai Karate Club members

CELEBRATIONS are in order for a Dudley karate club as they collected nearly 40 medals at an annual international competition.

Members of the Dudley Shukokai Karate Club based at the Thorns Community College, Brierley Hill, travelled to Malta for their annual International competition.

More than 400 competitors represented 22 countries and Dudley Shukokai formed part of the All-Style Karate Alliance (AKA) Great Britain squad, claiming six of the nine gold medals.

Six silver and 24 bronze medals were won collectively by the squad, which also won the trophy

Karate

for the overall winners as well claiming the competition cup in Warrington the week before.

The members were aged from five-year-old Darcey Hawkes, who competed in the u-6 category, to Sensei and chief instructor Mandie Read, of Dudley Shukokai and squad coach for the AKA, aged 51.

Next on the calendar is the world championships in Dublin in June. The club will have to fund their trip and are still looking for sponsorship. Call Mandie on 07979 461 229.

BELL RINGS ON PEARCE CAREER

STOURBRIDGE boxer Steven Pearce is swapping the ring for the corner after announcing his retirement on health grounds.

The former Midlands welterweight champion is hanging his gloves up at the age of 31 after a spell at light middle.

'Fierce Pearce' has a recurring ear injury that has already perforated twice, with doctors advising his hearing could be permanently damaged if it happens again.

He was due to compete on May 14 on a bill co-promoted by Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing and ring legend Ricky Hatton. Rowley Regis' Jason Welborn has replaced him.

But Pearce will continue to be a part of Shaun Cooper's Coops Boxing Camp in Brierley Hill and he joins Lindon Scarlett, Ray 'Raza' Campbell and Mick Warby on the coaching staff.

He'll also be launching his own boxing academy when the venue is free on Saturdays, having already obtained his qualifications as he planned for life after being a fighter.

Risk

Pearce said: "It's been a really hard call to make. I've perforated my ear drum for a third time and I just can't risk losing my hearing."

"I was going to fight this season out, maybe try and go for a title in June and then I planned to retire anyway. I just wanted to do it out of choice and not be forced."

"Now I will be working with the other professional boxers in Shaun's stable, along with doing personal training for people of all abilities."

"It's the next step for me and I'm looking forward to it. I can look back on what I achieved with great pride."

He added: "Another reason I decided to retire was I was getting to a level where my opponents were full-time. I was working 40 hours a week as a builder, so I had to fit training in around that. Adam Little was training in Las Vegas in the Wildcard Gym with Freddie Roach, while I was laying bricks. It just wasn't a level playing field."

Coops Camp is located at Unit 17, the Premier Industrial Estate, Leys Road, Brierley Hill. For more about Pearce's boxing academy, call 07875 653 842.

Singles ladder nets milestone



Shaun Ryder and Paul Adams with Richard Waldron

WOLLASTON Tennis Club's singles ladder, which began six months ago, has chalked up its 100th match.

Wollaston, predominantly a club that plays doubles, started the new venture after last year's club championships, with the first matches played in October.

The ladder really took off through the winter period with challenges flying between the 22 members who signed up.

Ladder organiser Richard Waldron said: "It was clear after the 2015 club championships that the demand for competitive singles was high at Wollaston and we want to grow this in 2016."

Shaun Ryder and Paul Adams were the men on court for the ton-up clash.

The ladder now moves into a qualifying period, with players looking to be in the top eight positions to earn their place in the finals event between May 22 and June 6, the period of the French Open. It is planned to hold the final on Wollaston's artificial clay courts on the day of the French final.

Wollaston invested £130,000 in 2014 for four new courts and improved floodlighting. The club is also looking to upgrade their other four courts.

Anyone interested in joining the ladder should contact Richard at rwaldron@oaktreetm.co.uk

For more information about joining the club go to www.wollastontennis.co.uk

'Tank' driven towards third shot at title

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston will hope to make it third time lucky with a Midlands title after being given a second shot back up at middleweight.

Aston's third opportunity at an area title will come on home turf in a make-or-break shot at glory at Dudley Town Hall on May 21.

The 25-year-old will headline Paul 'PJ' Rowson's 'Resurgence' show as the first challenger to defending Midlands middleweight champion Craig Cunningham in a 10-round contest.

Aston will attempt to seize the middleweight belt for a second time, first losing in two rounds to Curtis Valentine for the then-vacant strap in July 2012. 'Tank' also went for the Midlands crown at light middle last June, losing on a hotly-disputed points decision to holder Jason Welborn.

The slick southpaw scored victories over Kevin McCauley, Nathan Graham and Christian Hoskin-Gomez before challenging for the IBF International title on a BoxNation-televised show in January, losing in six to Ahmet Patterson.

His opponent, left-handed Cunningham, aged 28, who lives in Oldbury, has lost just once in 15 pro contests.

The under-card will consist of a quartet of four-round affairs. Netherton's Les Byfield will tackle Joe Beeden, while Rowley Regis' Tyler Denny is the only home fighter yet to be matched.

Flamboyant flyweight Matt Windle takes on Gateshead's Gary Reeve, while rising star Brad Foster, from Lichfield, takes on Jordan Turner. Tickets, at £40, £50 stage and £70, are available from the promoter on 07976 283 157. The Town Hall can be contacted on 01384 815 577.

Elsewhere, Coseley's Jamie Gelder was outpointed by Kevin Mitchell's cousin Danny Mitchell on a pro bill at the Aria Suite in Leeds.

Basford looking for Heathens maximum

BEN Basford is backing Cradley to push for maximum points from two meetings in four days.

Heathens head to Coventry tomorrow (Friday) before taking on comeback club Isle of Wight at Monmore on Monday, May 9.

Basford, a big hit with fans since his winter switch from Kent, moves up from reserve into the top five on Friday.

He said: "We feel much more confident going to Coventry; it should be a great meeting but I think we can snatch it late on. On Monday we want to keep our run at home going and two wins would be huge for us."

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